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Re: Security and Enforcement Increased at the Port and  
New Parking Requirements

Dear South Beach Marina Users,

Port users may notice that more attention is being paid to violations of the Port Facilities Code found at:

<https://www.portofnewport.com/files/9d4e290a1/PONFC+rev+2022.06.29.pdf>, which means that penalties for breaking rules will increase. In response to a pattern of regular complaints by the public, the Port has increased security staffing and focused more on enforcing violations of the Port's ordinance to include parking violations, trespassing, and theft of services by not paying required fees. These are not new policies, but existing policies that we are now trying to improve enforcement. The typical violations have been ranging from RV plus additional vehicle/trailer length, which must fit in the length of the RV spot, parking on grass, and trailer parking. If you need to store additional vehicle and trailers, please contact the Port for arrangements.

The Port has moved the trailer parking to a secure area, to provide more parking spaces for our guests. The secure area is open from 8 AM to 4 PM (Monday – Friday), if you need your trailer outside of these hours, just leave a note with our front office. Our Operations staff will have your trailer ready and waiting for you.

For the past year, the Port has been informing users of the upcoming effort, and the Port is now shifting its focus toward enforcement to create more opportunities for all users to have fair use of the facilities. Port users are advised to pay close attention to and follow the directions on signage around the Port. If you feel you have received an unfair citation, please visit our enforcement section of our Port Facilities Code to follow the process.

In response to regular complaints about overuse in parking areas, the Port is instituting fees for parking in South Beach at the Marina and RV Park complex. Many may not realize, but

with over 500 slips and moorage areas, and just slightly over 200 parking spaces, and little real estate to expand, parking has presented a challenge for many customers. We recognize that the transition to a fee based opportunity to park will be a learning experience for our users. As new fees come online at the Port, it is important to recall that within the Port's total operating budget, tax revenue represents less than 5% of the revenue needed to continue operating. The Port of Newport is primarily a fee-based public facility, and exists because of its ability to collect fees for uses of the Port. However, our primary purpose of this charge is to encourage our marina users to share rides and reduce the demand for parking space in our facilities.

Rates can be found in Section 4 of our Rate Structure, listed in our website at <https://www.portofnewport.com/files/9cc12f243/final+rates+and+fees.pdf>.

Launch fee includes parking for the vehicle launching the vessel and it's trailer, as well as long term moorage holders will be provided one parking space, all pending space availability. Additional guests will need to purchase a daily or annual parking for their vehicles. Warnings will initially be issued by the Port, but as of September 1<sup>st</sup> will be fully enforced and citations will be issued for non paid customers.

Please be aware that any parking outside of the marina facilities such as those provided at Marine Science Drive is considered City's right-of-way and any violations will be enforced by the City of Newport police and not the Port of Newport.

If users have any additional questions, once you had an opportunity to read our Facilities Code, all questions and concerns shall be directed to the Port office and not the Marina Store, as they are a private business and lessee to the Port and they may not be able to respond to your questions.

By coming together and respectfully following the regulations for the facilities, we can all have a better experience using our wonderful community resources.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Miranda, General Manager