BOATER RESOURCE GUIDE
MORRO BAY
YOUR GUIDE TO LOCAL MARINE SERVICES
Brought to you by Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Dept.
Welcome to beautiful Morro Bay!
A harbor of safe refuge on California’s Central Coast

Underneath the 581’ tall Morro Rock and inside the two jetties at our harbor entrance, you’ll find a vibrant waterfront ready to serve the many needs of boaters.

Whether you’re transiting up or down the coast, making a living locally on the water, or simply enjoying some recreational boating, this guide will serve to connect you with the resources to keep you and your boat shipshape, safe and ready for your next voyage.

Here you’ll find info on:
- Emergency Contacts
- Tides & Currents
- Local Knowledge
- Boat Storage
- Supplies
- Fishing Resources
- Charters & Rentals
- Divers
- Mechanics
- Electricians
- Boatwork
- Sailmakers
- Riggers
- Surveyors
- Yacht Clubs
- Port Services
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- Skippers for Hire
- Education
- Support Organizations
- Environmental Organizations
- Wildlife Groups

Up to date version of this guide at: 
FriendsOfTheMBHD.org
Important Contacts

Morro Bay Harbor Patrol • Emergency: 911 or VHF Channel 16
1275 Embarcadero • (805) 772-6254 • VHF Channel 12

US Coast Guard Station MB • Emergency: 911 or VHF Channel 16
1279 Embarcadero • (805) 772-2167

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Report an issue: (888) 334-2258

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Marine Mammal Center • Report a distressed marine mammal
Report: (805) 771.8300 • MarineMammalCenter.org

Beach Wheelchair • Available for free at Morro Rock Beach
Reserve at: (805) 772-6254 • FriendsoftheMBHD.org
Safe boating in Morro Bay:

Morro Bay is a beautiful harbor with wide ranging boating challenges. With a notoriously dangerous harbor entrance, narrow channels and many shoals, heavy currents, a sometimes persistent marine layer and fresh winds, the smart boater will prepare for a voyage carefully. Here are some hot tips to make your trip safe and enjoyable.

Harbor Entrance: As one of the roughest on the West Coast, it often has a hazardous bar warning posted with large Northwest swells. Exercise caution regardless of experience. Low tides and swift currents will create a dangerous condition with breaking waves across the entrance. Never transit the harbor entrance with waves breaking in the channel. Contact US Coast Guard at (805) 772-2167 for advisories.

Channels: Pay close attention to the channel markers, indicating deep water from the harbor entrance to as far south as Fairbanks Point (by the State Park Marina). There are numerous shoals in the bay, and grounding on an ebbing tide can leave you high & dry for hours. The bay is nearly four miles long, and 60% is exposed mud flats at a zero tide. Stay in the designated channels unless you have local knowledge.

Fog: We get our fair share of fog here, and it can come at any time. Never leave the harbor without knowledge of how to use a compass, charts, electronic aids to navigation, and sound signals. Keep your eyes and ears open.
Know before you go!

Safety Gear: Always check to ensure your vessel is equipped with all required safety gear, PFDs, anchor & rode, VHF radio, and cell phone. Refer to the ABC’s of California Boating Guide for more information: dbw.parks.ca.gov

Weather: It sure can change quickly, and you’ll want to be prepared for all conditions. Always check the weather forecast and the tides before venturing out on the water.

Harbor Rules:
- Speed Limit: No vessel shall operate in excess of 5mph or produce a wake within the harbor or upon entering between the jetties.
- Anchoring: No person shall anchor, moor or secure a vessel or any object within the city limits except in the designated area between day markers 10 and 12.
- Sewage: Discharge of sewage is strictly prohibited. There are three designated sewage pumpout stations for your convenience.
- Liveaboards: A permit is required to live aboard your vessel more than three nights in any seven day period.

Questions: The Morro Bay Harbor Department has answers! Contact them at 1275 Embarcadero • (805) 772-6254 • morrobayca.gov
Guide Only
Not for navigation
Harbor Facilities
Located on the map to the left with the corresponding markers

A Anchorage • To the west between daymarks 10 & 12. 30 day limit.
B Beach Wheelchair • Free beach mobility for all.
C City T-Piers • Tie up for all boats. 30 amp electrical available.
D Coast Guard Station Morro Bay
E Floating Docks at Morro Bay Blvd., Harbor St., Anchor St, & Tidelands Park • Recreational boats. No overnight tie-ups. 3 hour max.
F Degarimores Central Coast Marine Fuel & Ice • 8AM - 5PM
G Guest Moorings • 30 day limit
H Harbor Patrol Office
I Launch Ramp • Located at south end of the Embarcadero, docks for immediate launching and retrieval of vessels. 72 hour fee parking.
J Morro Bay Yacht Club • Dock, guest moorings, restrooms, showers, & laundry for transient recreational vessels
K Oil/Water Separator (for oily bilge water) • Located on South-T Pier
L Public Restrooms
M Public Showers • At the North T-Pier • Coin operated
N Vessel Rinse Down • Just north end of the Launch Ramp parking lot.
  • Coin operated. • No solvents, cleaners, or soaps allowed.
O Waste Pump Out Stations • Tidelands • MB Yacht Club • South T-Pier
P Waste Oil Disposal • Contact MBHD to coordinate free recycling

MB Harbor Dept. • (805) 772-6254 • VHF Ch. 12
Marine Services

Divers
Everything In Between Marine • EIBMarine.com • (805) 423-2746
Bobby Pelz • (805) 748-1360
California Marine & Salvage • (805) 234-5749

Electricians
Blue Current • BlueCurrentMarine.com • (805) 305-1003
Lost Coast Electric • LostCoastElectric.com • (805) 423-0099

Fabrication
Dan Shannon • DanShannon.com • (805) 415-0623
Coastal Ironworks • John Bates • (805) 772-6100

Haul Out
Morro Bay Boatyard • 261 Main Street • (805) 772-0135
Port San Luis Boatyard • (805) 595-7895

Mechanics
AMPAC Repair - Diesel Specialists • AMPACrepair.net • (805) 541-2719
Anchor Down Marine • AnchorDownMarine.com • (805) 464-2895
Daily Machine & Marine • 1554 Main St. • (805) 771-8011
Davis Boats • DavisBoats.com • (805) 227-1170
Performance Marine • SLOPerformanceMarine.com • (805) 366-3066
The Boat Doc • TheBoatDocPasoRobles.com • (805) 434-3700
VS Marine • VSMarine.com • (805) 466-9058
Mooring Service
Land Sea Interface • (805) 772-8436

Skippers for Hire
Jeff Eckles • 805-602-1924
Dax Theis • 805-234-8437

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SLO Sail & Canvas • SloSailandCanvas.com • (805) 479-6122

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Supplies & Gear
DeGarimore's (Fuel, Ice, Bait) • 1001 Front Street • (805) 772-1392
Depth Perceptions Dive Shop • DepthPerceptions.net • (805) 595-3631
Jerry's Marine & Tackle • 1158 Scott Street • (805) 225-1005
Morro Bay Landing • MorroBayLanding.com • (805) 771-5500
Morro Bay Propane & U-Haul • 899 Quintana Road • (805) 771-9850
SLO Ocean Currents (dive shop) • SLOOceanCurrents.com • (805) 544-7227
The Craft (fiberglass) • TheCraftGlassWorks.Blogspot.com • (805) 782-9802
Virg's Tackle Shop • VirgsLanding.com • (805) 772-1222

Surveyors
Port San Luis Marine Survey • Richard Avant • (805) 602-1924
Reisner, McEwen & Assoc. • Ron Reisner • (206) 399-0690
ECO Marine Services • Drew Jacobson • (805) 441-5723

Towing
Morro Bay Landing • MorroBayLanding.com • (805) 771-5500
SLO Divers • SLODivers.com • (805) 550-6448
Morro Bay Harbor Patrol • VHF 12 • (805) 772-6254

Upholstery
Morro Bay Upholstery • 2602 Main Street • (805) 538-0543
Slips, Moorings, & Docks

Whether your boat is looking for a new home port or just needing a temporary home, Morro Bay has a variety of options for you.

Dry Storage
Morro Bay Harbor Dept. • (805) 772-6254 • VHF Ch. 12
Frank Smith Properties • (805) 772-2298

Moorings
Morro Bay Yacht Club • 541 Embarcadero • MBYC.net
Morro Bay Marina • 699 Embarcadero • (805) 772-9463
State Park Marina / APC • 495 Embarcadero • (805) 772-7472
Morro Bay Harbor Dept. • (805) 772-6254 • VHF Ch. 12

Slips
Morro Bay Landing • (805) 771-5500 • MorroBayLanding.com
Boatyard Shops • 845 Embarcadero • (805) 544-3030
Gray's Inn • 561 Embarcadero • (805) 772-3911
Giovanni's • 1001 Front Street • (805) 772-2123
Salt Building • 571 Embarcadero • (559) 760-3544
Coastal Boatworks • 261 Main Street • (805) 772-0135
Morro Bay Marina • 699 Embarcadero • (805) 772-9463
State Park Marina / APC • 495 Embarcadero • (805) 772-7472
Morro Bay Harbor Dept • (805) 772-6254 • VHF Channel 12
Charters & Rentals

If you don’t have a boat, or your boat isn’t quite ready for the boating season - you still have lots of ways to get out on the water. From kayaks & SUPs to bay cruise, fishing trips, whale watching, and even fine dining on well appointed yachts, Morro Bay is full of great options for public or private charters and boat rentals.

Tours, Charters, Whale Watching, Fishing

Central Coast Outdoors • CentralCoastOutdoors.com • (805) 528-1080
Chablis Cruises • ChablisCruises.com • (805) 772-2128
Lost Isle Tiki Boat • LostIsleAdventures.Wixsite.com • (805) 771-9337
Morro Bay Landing • MorroBayLanding.com • (805) 771-5500
Pacific Charters • MorroBayFishingCharters.com • (805) 550-6448
Papagallo II • MorroBayBoat.com • 805-771-9916
Reel EZ Fishing Charters • ReelEZcharterFishing.com • (805) 441-2091
SLO Divers • SLODivers.com • (805) 550-6448
Sub Sea Tours • MorroBayWhaleWatching.com • (805) 772-9463
Virgs Landing • VirgsLanding.com • (805) 772-1222

Boat & Board Rentals

Bay Cruisers • BayCruisers.com • (805) 771-9339
Estero Adventures • Esterolnn.com • (805) 550-3165
Kayak Shack • MorroBayKayakRental.com • (805) 772-8796
Morro Bay Landing • MorroBayLanding.com • (805) 771-5500
Morro Bay Paddlesports • PaddleMorroBay.com • (805) 704-6902
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1. PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR HEAD.
Manage sewage properly. Use sewage pumpouts, dump stations, or mobile-pumpout services instead. It is illegal to release untreated sewage within three miles from shore.

2. STOW IT, DON’T THROW IT.
Keep trash on board. Never throw cigarettes, fishing line, or any other garbage into waterways. Take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper. Avoid excess packaging.

3. REDUCE GREY WATER DISCHARGE.
Use a phosphate-free soap to minimize the impacts of grey water on the marine environment. Whenever possible, minimize discharge by using onshore facilities to wash dishes and shower.

4. PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.
Dispose of paint, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters, and other hazardous waste at a collection facility. Save time, and pump out waste in the same visit!

5. SPILL-PROOF OIL CHANGE & FUELING.
Use a portable oil-change pump, to change oil. To prevent spills, drain used oil into a sealable container. Fill the fuel tank slowly. Leave 10% of the tank empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms. Always have an oil absorbent handy to catch spills from oil changes and fueling. Recycle saturated absorbents, fuel bibs, oil, and oil filters at hazardous waste facilities.

6. CLEAN & MAINTAIN YOUR BOAT THE GREEN WAY.
When possible, perform maintenance tasks with your boat out of the water. Contain waste with tarps and vacuum sanders. Use cleaners that are water-based, biodegradable, phosphate-free, and labeled as less toxic. Use non-copper, antifouling coatings for your boat. Minimize fouling growth and extend the life of the hull coating by thoroughly wiping the boat bottom with a soft, non-abrasive sponge.
7. CLEAN, DRY, & DRAIN YOUR BOAT.
Do not spread aquatic invasive plants and animals. Before leaving the water, examine your boat and equipment. Remove any visible mud, plants, or animals. Never release plants or animals into a body of water unless they originated in that body of water. Do not release plants or animals into storm drains; most storm drains lead to water bodies or wetlands. Clean and dry anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, equipment, dogs, boots, clothes, etc.).

8. PREVENT OILY BILGE DISCHARGE.
To prevent fuel and oil leaks, keep the bilge clean and dry, and your boat engine well-tuned. Put oil absorbents beneath the engine and in the bilge. Check them often and dispose of them at a hazardous waste collection center.

9. DO NOT ADD SOAP TO DISPERSE SPILLS.
Never use soap to disperse fuel or oil spills. This is harmful to the environment and illegal. Instead, use your spill kit and call the Harbor Department for help. Avoid using bilge cleaners as they may be inadvertently discharged overboard.

10. PUT FISH WASTE IN THE TRASH, NOT THE WATER.
Whenever possible, use a fish-cleaning station and put all fish waste in the closed dumpster provided. If you need to clean fish onboard your boat, collect and bring all waste to a closed dumpster. Dumping fish carcasses into the water is against Morro Bay City code and can result in fines. Fish carcasses can get stuck in birds’ throats, causing injury or death.

HELP KEEP MORRO BAY CLEAN FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY!

MORE INFO at MBNEP.org/boat
## Waste Collection Facilities in Morro Bay

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WASTE COLLECTION FACILITIES IN MORRO BAY

- Used Oil Collection
- Bilge Pumpout
- Antifreeze & Oil Filter Collection
- Absorbent Collection & Exchange

Contact:

- Sewage Pumpout: 805.772.6254
- Antifreeze & Oil Filter Collection: 805.772.6254
- Absorbent Collection & Exchange: 805.772.3981
- Antifreeze & Oil Filter Collection: 805.772.6254

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- Look out for surfacing animals.
- Travel at safe speeds and respect “no wake” zones.
- Avoid chasing or encircling animals.
- Keep observation time short (30 minutes or less)
- Allow 5 boat lengths between you and wildlife.
- Respect the nap! Leave sleeping animals alone.

Know before you go • Please follow posted guidelines.
Respect-Wildlife.org • SeaOtterSavvy.org

Local Boating Safety Classes

For course details: CGAUX.org
Tab: “Taking a Boating Safety Class”

To register, please email: joeframindo@gmail.com
Classes will be held with sufficient numbers of Pre-registrants.

Photo: Joan Tisdale
We’re a non-profit community group established to help improve the harbor services in Morro Bay.

Join us in supporting the Harbor Department to ensure they have the necessary equipment for safety and to better serve those who visit our shoreline.

The Morro Bay Harbor Department is a service-oriented organization providing boater assistance, emergency response, code enforcement, and facilities maintenance for the waterfront and the waters of Morro Bay.
BE A FRIEND!

With your tax-deductible donation, the contribution of volunteer time - or both, you will be supporting the objectives of the Harbor Department and enhance the experience for all users of the waterfront, beach and bay.

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- Permanant Viewing Station • Rescue Sled
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