

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!

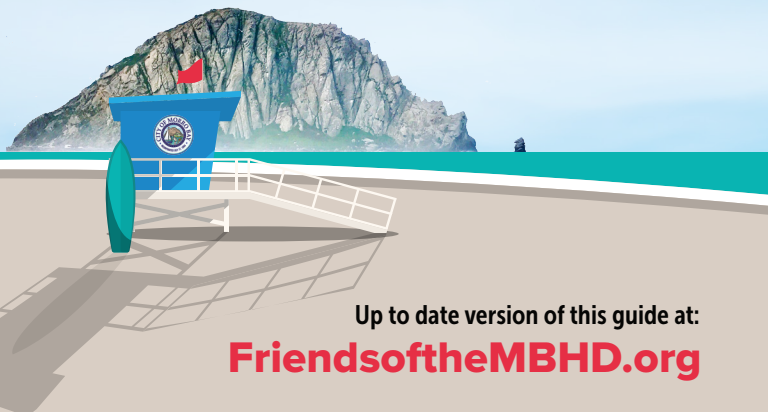
A harbor of safe refuge on California's Central Coast

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 • Fuel • Ice
- 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

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife • wildlife.ca.gov • (559) 243-4005
Report an issue: (888) 334-2258

DeGarimore's Fuel & Ice Dock • 1099 Embarcadero • (805) 772-1276
Fuel • Unloading Dock • Bait • Ice • Temporary Moorage

Morro Bay Yacht Club • 541 Embarcadero • MBYC.net
Transient side tie dock & moorings

Pacific Wildlife Care • Responding to distressed wildlife
Hotline: (805) 543-9453 (WILD) • PacificWildlifeCare.org

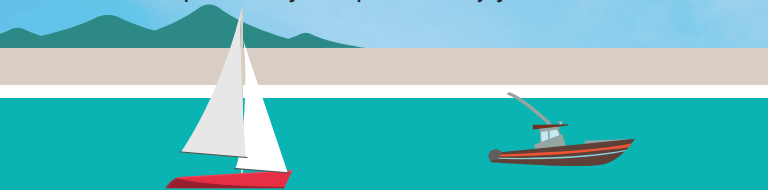
Marine Mammal Center • Report a distressed marine mammal
Report: (805) 771.8300 • MarineMammalCenter.org



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



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

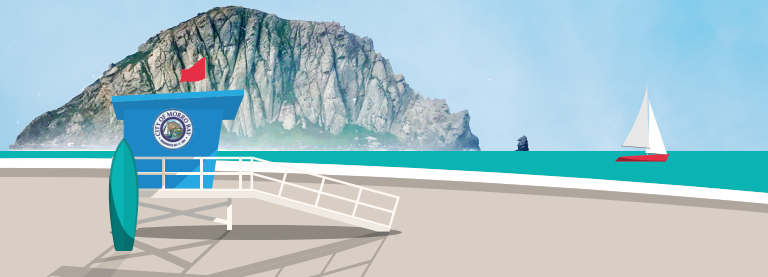
Daily Machine & Marine • 1554 Main St. • (805) 771-8011

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

Sail Loft / Sailmaker

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

Sailboat Rigging

Colegio Marine • ColligoMarine.com • (480) 703 3675

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 • Virg'sLanding.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

Esterio Adventures • EsterioInn.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

Rock Kayak Co. • RockKayak.com • (805) 772-2906

Sub Sea Tours • MorroBayWhaleWatching.com • (805) 772-9463

PAPAGALLO II

MORRO BAY'S PREMIER CRUISE YACHT



**THIS 72 FOOT LUXURY MOTOR YACHT IS THE ULTIMATE
DESTINATION FOR ANY TYPE OF SPECIAL EVENT**

**Experience superior service & impeccable cuisine
by Executive Chef Leonard Gentieu**

- Intimate Wedding Parties • Rehearsal Dinners • Receptions
- Birthdays • Corporate Events • Anniversaries • Memorials
- Family reunions • Wine Pairing Dinners • Burials at Sea

805-771-9916 • MorroBayBoat.com

Local Marine Related Organizations



Audubon Society • MorroCoastAudubon.org • 805-772-1991
CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife • Wildlife.ca.gov • (888) 334-2258
Central Coast State Parks Assoc. • CentralCoastParks.org • (805) 548-0390
Central Coast Women for Fisheries • WomenForFish.org
Friends of MB Harbor Dept. • FriendsoftheMBHD.org
Marine Mammal Center • MarineMammalCenter.org • (805) 771.8300
MB Maritime Museum • MorroBayMaritime.org • (805) 225-5044
Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce • MorroChamber.org • (805)772-4467
Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman's Assoc. • mbcfo.com
Morro Bay National Estuary Program • MBNEP.org • (805) 772-3834
Morro Bay Yacht Club • MBYC.net
Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation • MBYSF.org
Pacific Wildlife Care • PacificWildlifeCare.org • Hotline: (805) 543-9453
Sea Otter Savvy • SeaOtterSavvy.org • Respect-Wildlife.org
US Coast Guard Auxiliary • CCAUX.org • joeframindo@gmail.com

Every August since 2008,
Zongo All-Stars & MBYC co-
sponsor an epic race/cruise:
The Zongo Yachting Cup!

Open to sailboats, power boats,
SUPs, catamarans, outrigger
canoes, & all other oceanworthy
vessels. Paired w/ great parties
& a concert featuring Afro-Latin
band Zongo All-Stars.



ZONGO YACHTING CUP

MORRO BAY TO AVILA BEACH



DETAILS & SIGN UP AT: BIGBIGSLO.COM/CUP

TEN TIPS FOR *CLEAN BOATING*

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, anti-freeze, 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.



MORE INFO at MBNEP.org/boat

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.

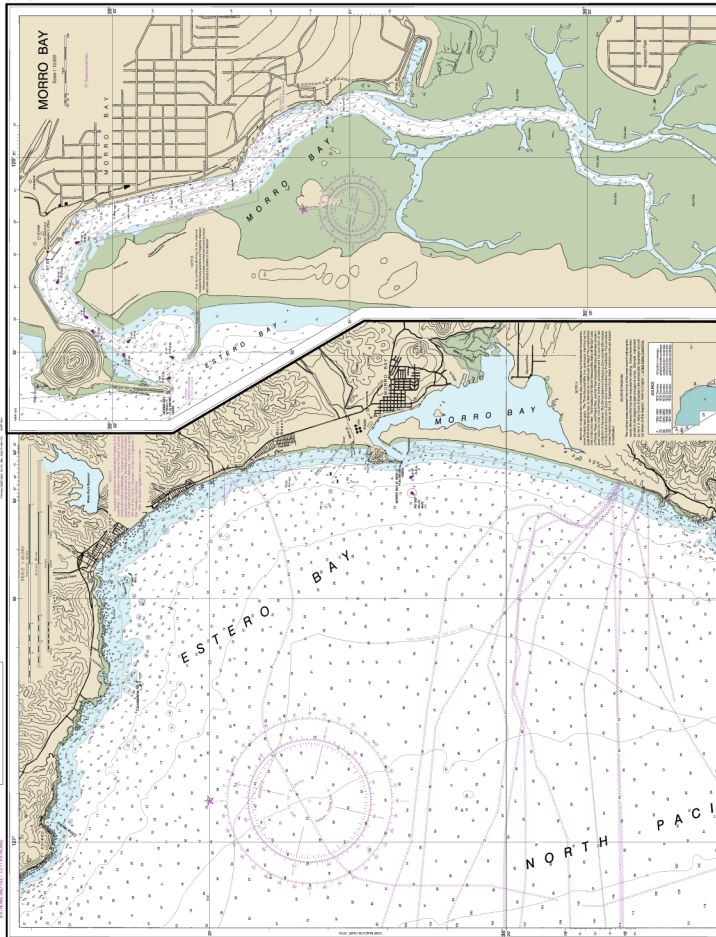
Never use soap to disperse fuel or oil spills. This is harmful to the environment and illegal. Instead, use your spill kit and call the Harbor Department for help. Avoid using bilge cleaners as they may be inadvertently discharged overboard.

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!**





Prepared and presented by the
Morro Bay National Estuary
Program, a local nonprofit.

Protect & Restore Morro Bay.

MBNEP.org



Information provided by the following organizations.

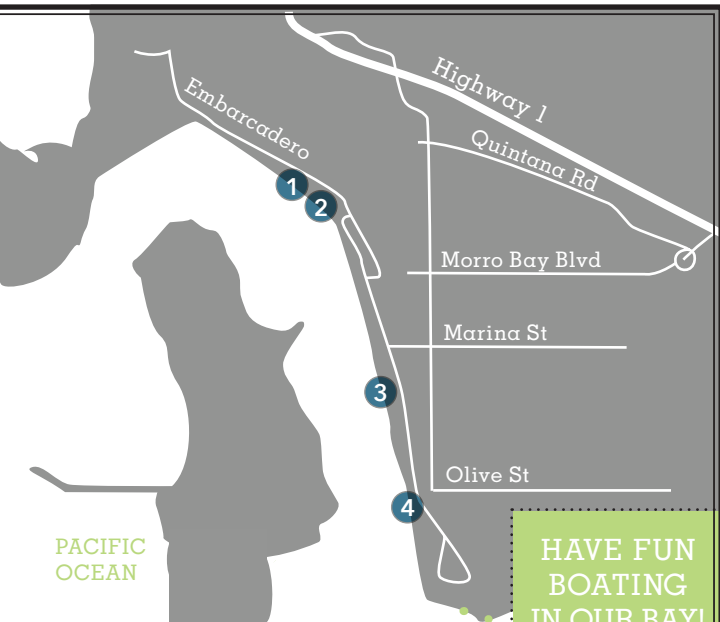







CALIFORNIA
COASTAL
COMMISSION



WASTE COLLECTION FACILITIES IN MORRO BAY

	Used Oil Collection	Bilge Pumpout
Harbor Dept. Collection Facility 1		
South T-pier 2		
Morro Bay Yacht Club 3		
Tidelands Park 4		



Sewage Pumpout	Antifreeze & Oil Filter Collection	Absorbent Collection & Exchange	Contact
			805.772.6254
			805.772.6254
			805.772.3981
			805.772.6254

CAPTAIN JEFF ECKLES

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD LICENSED 100 TON MASTER
CREDENTIALLED UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINER**



CAPTAIN JEFF IS A SAFE, RELIABLE, HELPFUL CAPTAIN WITH
OVER 35 YEARS PROFESSIONAL BOATING EXPERIENCE.
MORRO BAY RESIDENT WITH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE & CONNECTIONS

AVAILABLE FOR:

- DELIVERIES
- CHARTERS
- TRAINING
- INSURANCE CERTIFICATIONS
- BOAT CARETAKING



JEFFERSONECKLES@GMAIL.COM

805-602-1924

MORRO BAY LANDING

unsurpassed ocean excursions



**Sportfishing • Whale Watching • Bay Cruises
Ice • Local Oysters... Wholesale and Retail
Slip Rentals • Tackle Shop • Private Charters
Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals - AND Storage**



Morro Bay Landing offers unsurpassed ocean excursions on the Central Coast. Explore Morro Bay coastline on any of our fine vessels for an unforgettable adventure and family fun. We are the only landing that provides a no-hassle, all-in-one service. Our fully stocked tackle shop and boat docks are located all in one location, providing maximum convenience for our customers.
Coming soon: Restaurant with the best views in the Bay!

Book your adventure today!
1215 Embarcadero • (805) 771-5500
morrobaylanding.com





**New Sails & Sail Repair
Fitted Boat Covers
Mooring & Rigging Lines**

**Visit us online, or stop by:
645 Tank Farm Rd., Suite G in San Luis Obispo**

From the keel to the masthead...

EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN MARINE

**Bottom Cleaning • Zinc Replacements • Rudder/Prop Replacement
Underwater Photography & Videography
Electrical • Fiberglass & Gelcoat Repair • Woodwork
Going aloft for mast work**



**Contact: Ian Hayes
(805) 423-2746**

**eibmarine@gmail.com
eibmarine.com**

VISIT • DONATE • VOLUNTEER

Visit us to learn about California's rich maritime history. Explore our fleet of historic vessels, fascinating exhibits, and special maritime events.



- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- SCHOOL TOURS
- PRIVATE TOURS
- SPECIAL EVENTS



We provide an easily accessible educational venue for maritime history, science and technology.

You are invited to visit us at:

1210 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442

(805) 225-5044 • MorroBayMaritime.org



**Whale Watching • Sub Sea Tours • Kayak & SUP Rentals
Cocktail Cruises • Ash Scattering • Private Charters**



How do **you** want to experience the water?
We've got you covered - from expert whale
watching expeditions to underwater tours on
our semi-submersible boat, to super fun cocktail
cruises on our catamaran with a full bar, to a self guided trip on a
kayak, SUP, or canoe. The choice is yours. Book your adventure today!

**699 Embarcadero • (805) 772-9463
MorroBayWhaleWatching.com**

Morro Bay House of Jerky

Premium
Jerky

FREE DELIVERY in Morro Bay • We also carry water, snacks, energy drinks, & souvenirs

Owned and operated by
local USCG Licensed Captain Jeff Eckles.
Support local family owned business!

**Don't leave port without the best protein you can buy to keep
you satisfied, healthy, and alert while on the water.**

1130 Front Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442, near the smokestacks on the Embarcadero
805-772-7059 • info@morrobayjerky.com • www.morrobayjerky.com



TROUBLESHOOTING • SERVICE • REPAIR • CUSTOM INSTALLATION

BLUE CURRENT MARINE ELECTRONICS

20 years of experience in the industry

BLUECURRENTMARINE.COM

(805) 305.1003
BLUECURRENTMARINE@GMAIL.COM



LOST COAST ELECTRICAL

Installation, maintenance,
repair & replacement of
marine electrical (AC/DC)
and electronic systems for
powerboats and sailboats

CALL CHAD:
(805) 423-0099

LostCoastElectric.com



**Stock your galley
with the freshest
foods before you
head out to sea!**

**415 Morro Bay Blvd
(805) 772-7873**

- Natural and organic foods
- Farmers Market produce
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Legendary Natural Café



sunshinemorrobay.com

Port San Luis Marine Survey

Surveying of
Commercial, Sport Fishing, and Recreational Vessels
Insurance Damage Claims
& Consultancy

Richard Avant, Accredited Marine Surveyor® and Consultant
805.709.2975 | richard@pslmarinesurvey.com





Watch out for wildlife

like seals, sea lions, sea otters, birds, whales, & dolphins

Tips to avoid disturbance or collision:



Photo: Joan Tisdale

- 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.



Friends of the MORRO BAY HARBOR DEPARTMENT

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.

Join our group of fun, active, concerned citizens who have a love for the harbor and want to make sure it is adequately monitored and provided for.

Some of our recent contributions:

- Solar Powered Emergency Phone on the Sandspit
- Permanent Viewing Station • Rescue Sled
- New Lifeguard Tower • Parking Lot Striping Machine
- Beach Wheelchair • Jr. Lifeguard Equipment Container
- Rebuilding of the Sea Lion Dock • Specialty Headsets



Find out more
and join us at:

FRIENDSOFTHEMBHD.ORG



Morro Bay Yacht Club



35°21'47"N / 120°51'09"W

A friendly, all volunteer organization in a safe harbor welcoming transient yachts since 1956.



- Accommodating yachts to 75' at our dock or guest moorings
- Clean restrooms & showers, laundry facilities, free Wi-Fi
- Active bay and ocean sailboat racing fleets
- Learn to sail: Summer sailing program open to public
- Junior Yacht Club: Learning, racing, & social activities (<21)
- Home of Cal Poly University Sailing Team
- Social activities, incl. Friday Happy Hour & Weds. Burger Nights
- Membership open to those interested in sailing & the club



541 Embarcadero • MBYC.net