

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of January 9, 2025

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Malcolm, Harbor Master
Subject: Harbor Master Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period November 14, 2024 –December 30, 2024

Vessel metrics:

10	Vessels on Richardson Bay qualified for Housing Program not yet engaged
5	Vessels in Safe and Seaworthy Program qualified for housing
1	Transient vessels
1	Vessels with valid 30-day permit
0	30-day permit(s) in process
9	Vessels under enforcement action
22	Total vessels on Richardson Bay
1	Expired 30-day permits now in violation
9	Vessels in designated anchorage
13	Vessels in Eelgrass Protection Zone

Significant events/Anchorage status:

November 15, 2024 after a short grace and notification period for the closure of the eelgrass protection zone/anchorage, buoyage enforcement began for anchorage within the eelgrass protection zone.

Two mariners relocated from the EPZ, one mariner relocated to the designated anchorage and one mariner departed Richardson Bay.

One new vessel arrived on Richardson Bay. The 60 foot retired fishing vessel Standard No. 1 was newly purchased by a known anchor out who has recently possessed two other vessels the most recent of which and on Feb. 7 2024 and was salvaged and disposed of by the RBRA. The vessel was posted with the 72 hour notice, and has since received a citation for violation of RBRA code section 3.04.010 - anchorage greater than 72 hours.

Citation Program:

10 citations were issued this period, all citations were issued for violation of section 3.04.010 of the RBRA code, anchoring greater than 72 hours.

9 of the previously mentioned citations were also issued for violation of RBRA code section 3.04.010 anchored in a non-anchoring zone – anchored within the Eelgrass Protection Zone.

Two vessels on the anchorage have been posted with Nuisance Abatement notices in accordance with RBRA code section 6.04.020. One of the two vessel responsible parties has requested an appeal hearing and the hearing is pending.

