

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of December 14, 2023

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period November 8 – December 14, 2023

Vessel metrics.

44	Number of vessels in anchorage excluding transient vessels and floating homes and vessels present under a 30-day permit
0	Number of transient vessels in anchorage
2	Number of floating homes
5	Number of vessels with 30 day permits, permits in processing, or in violation of previously granted permits
51	Total Number of vessels, transient vessels, floating homes, permitted vessels
1	Number of citations issued this period
39	Number of vessels inside the Eel Grass Protection zone

Significant events/ Anchorage status:

One new vessel arrived this period, owner of the vessel stated he desired a 30-day permit. Owner has not been located since original contact for the purpose of executing the 30-day permit. I continue to work with MCSO to contact the vessel owner in order to execute the permit.

The Vessel owner originally arrived with a dinghy attached which was subsequently reported stolen. I worked with SFPD and SF Park Police to assist in identifying where the stolen skiff was spotted. SFPD marine unit located and retrieved the skiff. Vessel owner in possession of the skiff stated that he was given the skiff by a third party and no charges were filed.

One vessel was removed from the anchorage this period. A 42 ft Grand Banks wooden Motor Vessel sank in the early morning hours of 29 November. The vessel immediately produced a substantial sheen and flotsam from the decks of the vessel. I was able to arrive on scene early in the morning and place boom and oil absorbents around the vessel. Due to the environmental hazard presented by the sunken wreck, an immediate abatement was undertaken. The vessel was raised in the afternoon/evening hours of 29 November and was pulled onto hard ground at the Army Corps of Engineers debris yard in Sausalito. The registered owner of the vessel has been in contact and scheduled time to remove personal effects from the vessel but failed to arrive for any of the scheduled times arranged. The vessel has been surveyed and I am awaiting the survey report.

Citation Program:

One citation was issued to a vessel on the anchorage this period. A Citation was issued for violation of section 3.04.01 of the RBRA code, anchoring in excess of 72 hours.

One mariner, having previously been issued three citations for violation of section 3.04.01 of the RBRA code has been issued a notice of nuisance abatement and this case pends completion.

Weekly coordinated patrols with embarked MCSO marine patrol deputies have yielded very positive results in enforcement of the 72-hour ordinance, as well as mariner compliance with vessel registration and identification of persons on the anchorage.



