

NHF State of the Bay Luncheon

1 Welcome to all and Thank You for your attendance & generous donations! I want to thank the Newport Harbor Foundation Board of Directors: Duffy Duffield, Val Lyon, Devon Kelly & Skip Kenny who are all in attendance! I also want to give a Huge Thank You to Julie Ackman for organizing this wonderful event! In addition, Thank You to Newport Harbor Yacht Club Commodore J. Keith Yonkers & his Board of Directors, Ray Jacobi the General Manager & Crystal Evelyn the Event Coordinator.

2 Our mission @ Newport Harbor Foundation was created for the purpose of preserving, protecting and enhancing Newport Harbor for the benefit of the City of Newport Beach, the homeowners on or near the bay the commercial operators in the bay & the recreational users of the bay.

The Foundation's founders, contributors & members are made up of individuals & business who have a long history of using & enjoying the harbor and a vested interest in it's enhancement and preservation for use by current and further generations.

3 Since the initial fundraising, the Foundation's outlays have been strictly for operational expenses necessary to keep the foundation in good standing.

All of the officers and directors serve on a voluntary basis. Initially, much work was required to setup control of the domain & existing social media; Director Val Lyon was instrumental and still is for that matter in keeping the Foundation on Track; The Board typically meets once a month for a couple of hours.

Annual operating costs are approximately \$50k per year; We have over \$200K on hand and long term goals include supporting City of Newport Beach Harbor Department upgrades (Boats, Staffing & Equipment) and City costs associated with electrification of the ferry.

Newport Harbor Foundation has participated in generating support for many of the recent issues impacting the harbor including the dredging project approval, trash collector, mooring reconfiguration & the ferry electrification. Future support will include help in the Underwater Cleanup of the Bay & procurement of additional cameras to help observe our wonderful harbor from the Harbormaster's office (which cuts down on staffing needs on the water).

In addition, Newport Harbor Foundation has made 2 recent grants to the City of Newport Beach to help with procurement and installation of lights on un-lit buoys in the harbor and a place to drop off un-used flares.

4 Long Term Goals include working with the City of Newport Beach Harbor Commission to support their efforts & recommendations to the City Council with regard to Harbor Issues.

Back in 2017 when I was invited to become a Part Time Harbormaster to create a new Harbor Department we had a budget of about \$1M dollars with “NO” full time employees and 3 boats. There were no written policies and procedures. About a year and a half later we had a pretty smooth running Department and the City Council voted to make the new Harbor Department official. At that time we were open for business between 8 & 12 hours a day which is still the case today. Now the budget is about twice what it was and there are 9 full time & 4 part time employees.

Newport Harbor Foundation believes the most important issues today are public safety with open borders; About 10 days ago we had a small vessel overloaded with migrants enter our harbor and tie up to a public dock down on the peninsula and offload about 15 people plus luggage and walk up the pier in broad daylight & disperse into the neighborhood unchecked.

Newport Harbor Foundation believes it is time to have a discussion regarding increasing the Harbor Department budget again and turning it into a 24/7 operation 365 days & nights a year rather than an 8 to 12 hour operation during Daylight hours only.

REMEMBER NOTHING BAD OCCURS AFTER 8:00PM WHEN THE DEPARTMENT CLOSES AND BOATS ARE OFF THE WATER!

Our current Harbormaster is doing a fantastic job with his small staff & limited hours & we believe the time has come to help him become a real Harbormaster Operation like all other major harbors around the Country.

5 FACTS:

There is so much that goes into managing this Great Harbor with 25 miles of shoreline (takes about 6 hours @ 4kts to go around the entire harbor) Just under 8,000 boats, 1,230 moorings, 2,500 boat slips, 1,250 waterfront residences with a multitude of commercial operations as well.

UP NEXT: SPEAKERS

SEYMOUR BEEK – Ferry Owner; Newport Beach Resident over 80 years; Past Commodore of Newport Harbor Yacht Club; Former Harbor Commissioner

PAUL BLANK – Grew up sailing in Newport Harbor; Past Commodore of Balboa Yacht Club; Former Harbor Commissioner

SKIP KENNEY – Newport Harbor Foundation Board member; Former Harbor Commissioner who was instrumental in updating Title 17 which is the Harbor Code

DUFFY DUFFIELD – Newport Harbor Foundation Vice Chairman; Founder of 50+ year old Duffy Boat Company; Former Harbor Commissioner & City Councilman