

Working Waterfronts

Our Local Harbors



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Did You Know?

The word Hueneme was derived from the native Chumash word "Wynema" meaning "halfway" or "resting place." The Port of Hueneme was built on a local Chumash resting ground where the Chumash would go before paddling their tomols (canoes) across the channel to Anacapa Island.



Tomol

You may be surprised to find that harbors and ports are an important part of our local community. Our local waterfronts -- the Port of Hueneme, Channel Islands, Ventura and Santa Barbara harbors -- help bring us many different things. For example, cars, tractors, construction equipment and food products come across the oceans on huge ships and into the Port of Hueneme everyday. It is one of the largest ports for 'rolling' cargo -- cargo that can be rolled on and rolled off (has wheels) -- such as cars. BMWs, Mini Coopers, Rolls Royces, Volvos and Hyundais are some of the cars that arrive in this port. The Del Monte bananas that you eat are another product that comes in on large ships into the Port of Hueneme. These items that arrive on large ships don't come into any of the other SBC harbors. Do you know why not? Because, Port Hueneme is on top of a natural canyon, making it the only deep water port in the SBC region that large ships can enter. The other harbors are too shallow. Tug boats are used to slowly and carefully pull the large ships in and out of the docks and the port.

The local harbors are important for many other reasons. They provide access to fishing and diving areas. They also offer many services needed for commercial and recreational fishing and diving, offshore oil operations, ocean farming and boating. Ice, bait, fuel and hoists for offloading gear and fish are just some of the harbor-based services that support people working in the ocean. Boat repair and hull cleaning (to get rid of any barnacles or other organisms that could slow a boat down and cost the owner money in fuel) are also important services you can find at the harbors. For those people who keep their boats at home out of the ocean, they may not need a hull cleaner, but they need something else -- a launch ramp. When they want to take their boat out for a visit to the ocean, they can't just drop the boat in the water from the street. They need the boat launch ramps provided at the harbors. Let's say you don't own a boat or you just want to paddle around, what would you do? Another handy service harbors usually have is canoe and kayak rentals.

By visiting the local harbors and looking at the different boats and services you can understand the types of ocean activities that occur in our community. For example, if you visit the Port of Hueneme, you will see very large ships along with a few commercial fishing boats and oil supply boats. At Channel Islands harbor, there are a lot of recreational boats, but commercial fishing boats are also an important part of this harbor. Ventura harbor is the second biggest commercial fishing harbor in our area. It has many large squid purse seine vessels and a variety of other commercial fishing vessels. It also has recreational boats of all sizes. Santa Barbara Harbor has the most commercial fishing vessels of the local harbors. There are many commercial dive and trap boats, and a fleet of small trawlers too. There is also no shortage of recreational boats in this harbor.

These are some of what makes the local waterfronts amazing and important 'treasures' of the SBC. Keeping them alive and thriving as ports and harbors will help support our local community.

BAIT ICE
CARGO PORT
DOCKS SHIPS
FUEL SLIPS
HARBOR TUGS
HOIST VESSELS



WORD SEARCH

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