

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of July 11, 2024

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period May 9, 2024- July 11, 2024

Vessel metrics:

25	Number of vessels in anchorage excluding transient vessels, and vessels present under a 30-day permit, and vessels engaged in enforcement.
2	Number of transient vessels in anchorage
12	Number of vessels with 30 day permits, permits in processing, or in violation of previously granted permits, or vessels under enforcement for violation of RBRA code
39	Total Number of vessels on Richardson Bay
2	Number of 30-day permits issued
9	Number of citations issued this period
26	Number of vessels inside the Eel Grass Protection zone

Significant events/Anchorage status:

One vessel was removed from the anchorage this period as result of a nuisance abatement. S/V Afrita was previously on the anchorage under a 30-day permit. On May 28, 2024 under a warrant obtained from Marin County Superior Court, the vessel was removed from Richardson Bay with the cooperation of the Marin County Sheriff Marine Patrol. The vessel was moored at a marina for secure storage under impound. Communication with the vessel owner continues in the hopes that they will take the required action to retrieve their vessel.

One vessel was removed from the anchorage as result of the vessel buyback program. The vessel owner was also a participant in the RBRA temporary housing voucher program.

One other vessel is awaiting removal from the anchorage. The vessel owner/occupant is a participant in the RBRA temporary housing voucher program and is still moving off of his vessel. However, the vessel currently has nesting seagulls onboard and cannot be moved. RBRA staff continues to monitor the situation and it is anticipated that the gulls will be old enough to depart the vessel in approximately six weeks. The vessel has been tagged as RBRA property and staff continue to monitor the situation.

In the beginning of July, a three-month notice was distributed to every vessel on the anchorage notifying occupants of the October 15, 2024, benchmark for all vessels to be moved out of the Eelgrass Protection Zone and into the anchorage located at the southern end of Richardson Bay. Notice included below.

Citation Program:

Nine 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.

Two notices of Nuisance abatement were also issued to vessels on the anchorage. One notice was issued to a vessel which immediately departed the anchorage for approximately 10 days but has since returned and has received an additional two citations since its return.

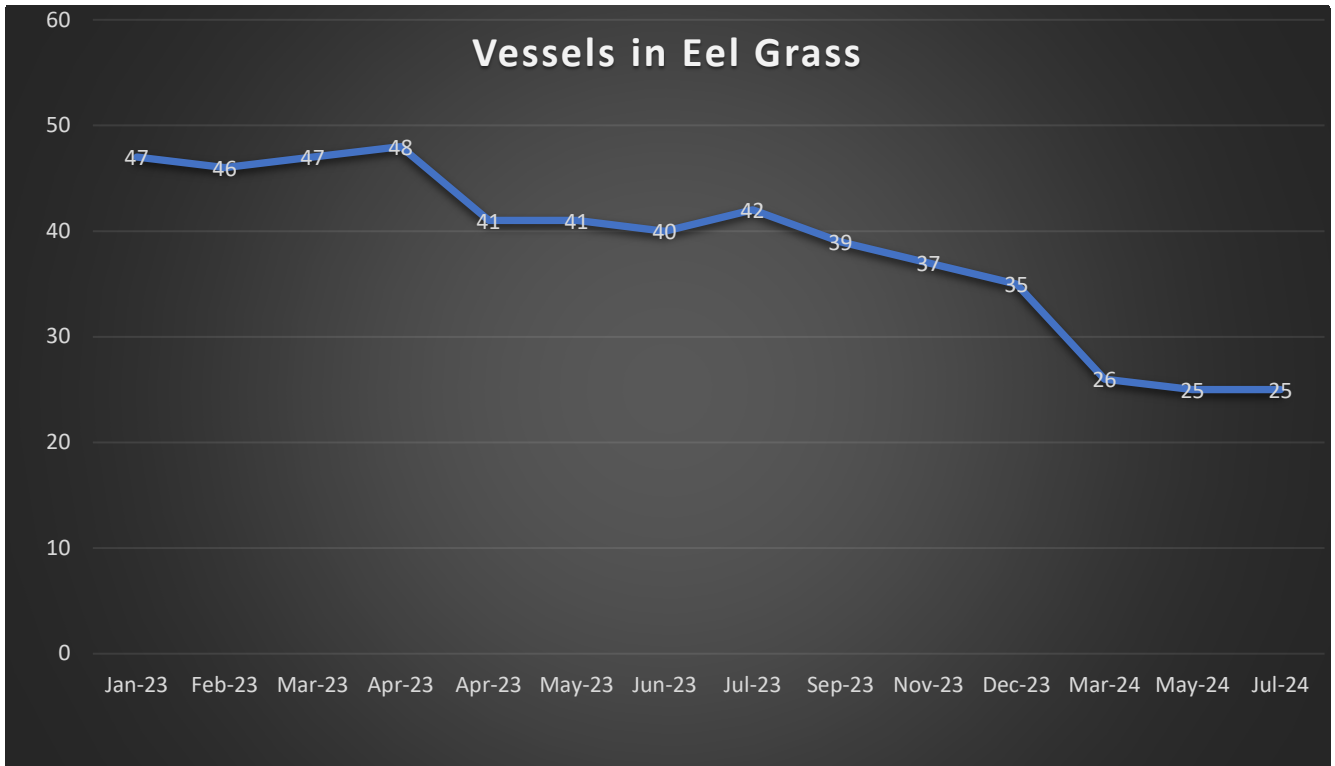
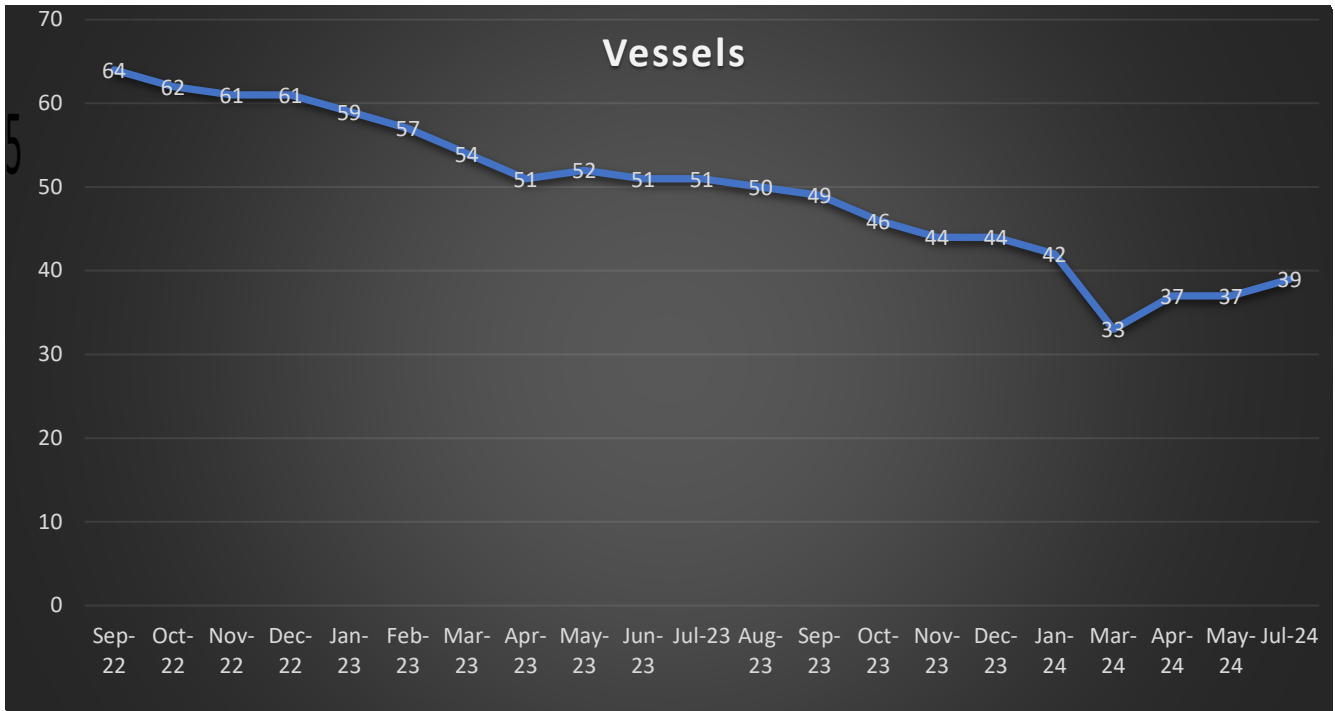
Another Nuisance abatement notice has been issued. The occupant of the vessel has since been housed under a program other than RBRA temporary housing voucher program and claims to be departing the anchorage soon.

Interagency Coordination

A new interagency coordination took place this period with the United States Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team located in Novato CA. The strike team is a unit with primary mission focus in disaster and pollution response. The strike team has shallow water response capability that other USCG standard small boats are not capable of. Members of the Strike Team reached out to RBRA staff for some area familiarization on Richardson Bay and on June 27 members from the team embarked on the RBRA patrol vessel for a tour of the bay. Discussions continue with the Pacific Strike team surrounding shallow water response and post disaster vessel abatement.

A request was received from the City of Sausalito to assist with the abatement of one of their legacy anchor out vessels. The owner/ occupant of the M/V Summertime, recently anchored in Sausalito waters off Clipper Yacht harbor, working with the City of Sausalito agreed to relocate off of his vessel and surrender the vessel through the voluntary turn in program. RBRA accepted the turn in on June 17, 2024 and disposal is pending.

Interagency coordination with MCSO continues and weekly coordinated patrols continue.



3 MONTH ADVANCE NOTICE

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The vessel this notice is attached to: _____

with Known interested party or registered owner:

_____ has been identified by the RBRA as a vessel which is required to be removed from the Richardson Bay Special Anchorage in accordance with the agreement reached between the RBRA and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). This vessel **must be removed from Richardson Bay by October 15, 2024.** Vessels may also be voluntarily turned in to the RBRA, or sold to the RBRA through the RBRA Vessel Buy Back Program. Vessels engaged in RBRA housing program, or vessels permitted to remain past Oct 2024 deadline for other reasons must re-locate outside of Eelgrass Protection Zone into special anchorage pictured below. There will be **NO ANCHORING PERMITTED IN THE EELGRASS PROTECTION ZONE AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2024.** Vessels in violation of RBRA Code 3.04.010, Anchoring in a Non-Designated Area, are subject to an administrative citation and a fine of \$605.00. For additional information please contact the RBRA Harbormaster.

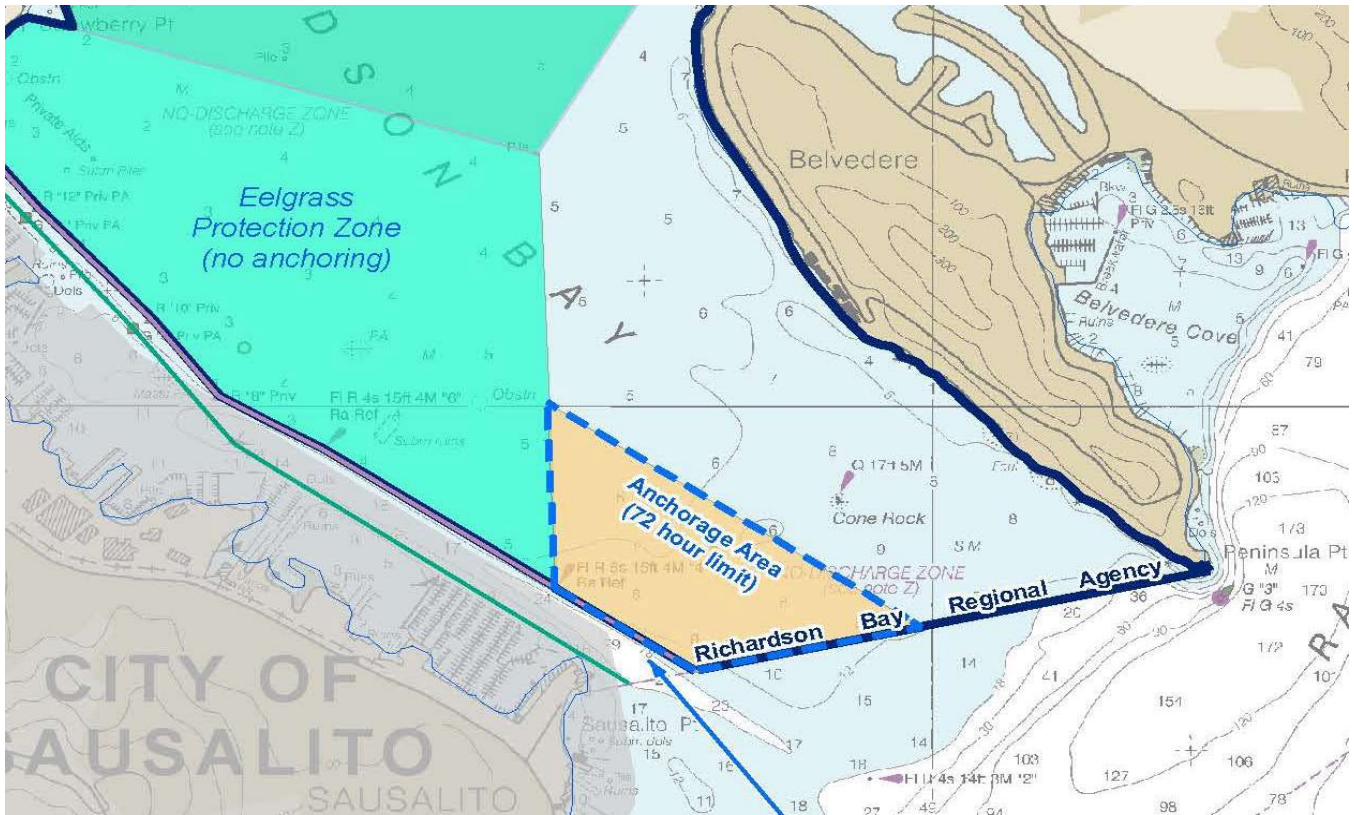
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This notice is to be posted to the vessel or property



Authorized Anchorage Area Post Oct 2024:

East and Northeast of Dayboard #4

Buoys and markers will be in place

For Oct 2024 deadline