



Mooring Information

Background

There are approximately 175 privately owned moorings in the harbor. Patrons own their hardware and lease the mooring space on a quarterly basis. New moorings are placed on the outside edge of the existing mooring area. Location of moorings is based on seniority (the date the mooring permit is issued). The District does not sell used moorings and encourages anyone considering buying a used mooring from a private party to check the moorings history with the Harbor before making the purchase. Private party purchased moorings must complete a mooring application/permit form; provide a current California vessel registration or vessel documentation, a bill of sale for the mooring, a driver's license, and an \$80.00 transfer fee. **Be Advised:** Purchasing mooring hardware by itself does not guarantee a space in the water.

Ownership

Mooring owners own their mooring hardware and lease the mooring space on a quarterly basis. The approximate cost to build and set a new mooring is as follows:

For a vessel up to 25 feet = \$2,800 to \$3,300
For a vessel up to 35 feet = \$3,300 to \$3,800
For a vessel up to 45 feet = \$3,800 to \$4,700
For a vessel up to 55 feet = \$4,700 to \$5,300

Vessels over 55 feet may require the owner to submit plans and specifications approved by a licensed marine engineer or naval architect.

The District requires an application, a permit, proof of insurance and a current California vessel registration or documentation and a driver's license prior to issuing a space in the water. The space is billed quarterly as follows:

Moorings built for vessels up to 35 feet = \$ 90.00 quarter - (\$30/mo.)
Moorings built for vessels 36 feet to 55 feet = \$ 111.00 quarter – (\$37/mo.)
Moorings built for vessels 56 feet to 75 feet = \$ 126.00 quarter – (\$42/mo.)

Construction

Mooring hardware consists of bottom weight (steel or anchor to specifications), and chain, shackles, and swivels to provide a five-to-one scope with the water depth. Concrete weights are not allowed. Moorings are placed according to vessel type (commercial, sail, or power), size, and seniority (date permit approved). New moorings are placed on the outside edge of the mooring area and are gradually moved in, as turnover occurs. Depending on where the mooring is located in the harbor, water depth is approximately 20 to 40 feet. Once a mooring permit is issued, the District will build and set the mooring within 30 days. Our specifications are minimum standards and you may request additional weight and/or special rigging. Special requests regarding rigging may be discussed in advance, with the Mooring Master by appointment (805) 595-5449. Port San Luis Harbor is an open harbor and fully exposed to southerly storms, which are often severe. It is important that vessel owners have the ability to check their vessels often and make sure it is sea worthy at all times.

Maintenance

Annual mooring inspections are mandatory. The District will perform an inspection once a year at a rate of \$300 per hour (1/2 hour minimum) for the work boat and crew. If any repairs are deemed necessary by the Mooring Master the patron will be charged accordingly for any additional materials and labor. The charges will be for material used in repairing the mooring (such as replacing worn chain), tax, and labor. The mooring owner will not be notified of what these charges will be ahead of time, because each mooring is different and the extent of any repair is unknown until the mooring is pulled. We encourage owners to be present during such inspections by scheduling an appointment in advance.

Terminating your permit

Moorings at Port San Luis are not commodities that increase in value. The market for used mooring equipment is very limited, and without a permit for a space in the water the hardware has no value as an option to secure a vessel in the harbor. The District is not in the business of selling used moorings. Patrons are required to submit a 30 day written notification to cancel their permit, when they choose to give up their space. The District offers to buy back "standard" District built and maintained moorings at the following price:

Moorings built for up to 25' vessels \$250.00
Moorings built for up to 35' vessels \$450.00
Moorings built for up to 45' vessels \$650.00
Moorings built for up to 55' vessels \$850.00

Guest Moorings

All guest moorings are available on a first come first serve basis. Moorings for vessels up to 35' are located near shore and are the first two rows of moorings with white buoys directly east of the boat launch area. Moorings for vessels up to 55' are the outer most moorings/white buoys on the west side behind the break wall and moorings up to 85' are outer most moorings/white buoys on the east side of the channel entrance. All daily rental moorings are \$15.00 per day (14 day limit).

The Harbor Patrol may be contacted on VHF radio, channel 12 for assistance. Patrons are requested to prepay and fill out a vessel registration card with the water taxi host or at the main office. If unable to come to shore, please call (805) 595-5400 during normal business hours to make a credit card payment.

Seasonal Monthly Moorings - (April through October)

Upon approval of a completed seasonal mooring application, this program is for vessels under 55', on a monthly basis from April through October. Owners must provide photo of vessel, a driver's license, marine insurance, have a credit card on file and pay 3 months in advance. Rental fee is \$272.00 per month (3 month minimum), no pro-rations and the vessel must vacate the mooring no later than October 31. If the vessel does not vacate by October 3, commencing November 1, a daily charge of \$54 per day will incur until vessel is removed.

Anchoring

April through October, vessels may anchor for seven days without charge between the Avila Pier and the Cal Poly Pier. After seven days the anchor fee is \$9.00 per day for vessels less than 85 ft. Anchor fees are \$18.00 per day from November 1 through March 31. It is not recommended to anchor during inclement weather. Anchoring within the mooring area is restricted. If in question about anchoring or mooring, please contact the Harbor Patrol for assistance on VHF Radio, Channel 12.