MORRO BAY

BOATER RESOURCE GUIDE

YOUR GUIDE TO MARINE SERVICES FOR LOCAL BOATERS AND VISITING YACHTS

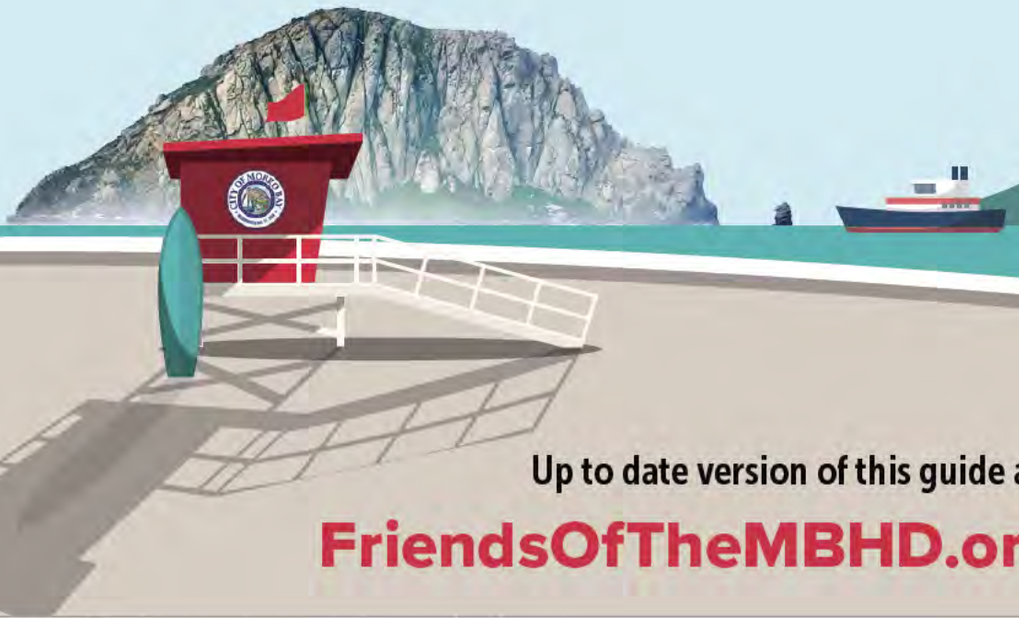
Welcome to beautiful Morro Bay!

Underneath the 581' tall Morro Rock and inside the two jetties at our harbor entrance, you'll find a vibrant waterfront ready to serve the many needs of boaters.

Whether you're transiting up or down the coast, making a living locally on the water, or simply enjoying some recreational boating, this guide will serve to connect you with the resources to keep you and your boat shipshape, safe and ready for your next voyage.

Here you'll find info on:

• Emergency Contacts • Tides & Currents • Local Knowledge
• Boat Storage • Chandleries • Fishing Resources • Charters & Rentals
• Divers • Mechanics • Electricians • Boatwork • Sailmakers • Riggers
• Surveyors • Yacht Clubs • Port Services • Provisions • Fuel
• Skippers for Hire • Education • Support Organizations
• Hunting • Environmental Organizations • Wildlife Groups



Up to date version of this guide at:

FriendsOfTheMBHD.org

Important contacts

Morro Bay Harbor Patrol • **Emergency: 911 or VHF Channel 16**
1275 Embarcadero • **(805) 772-6254 • VHF Channel 12**

US Coast Guard Station MB • **Emergency: 911 or VHF Channel 16**
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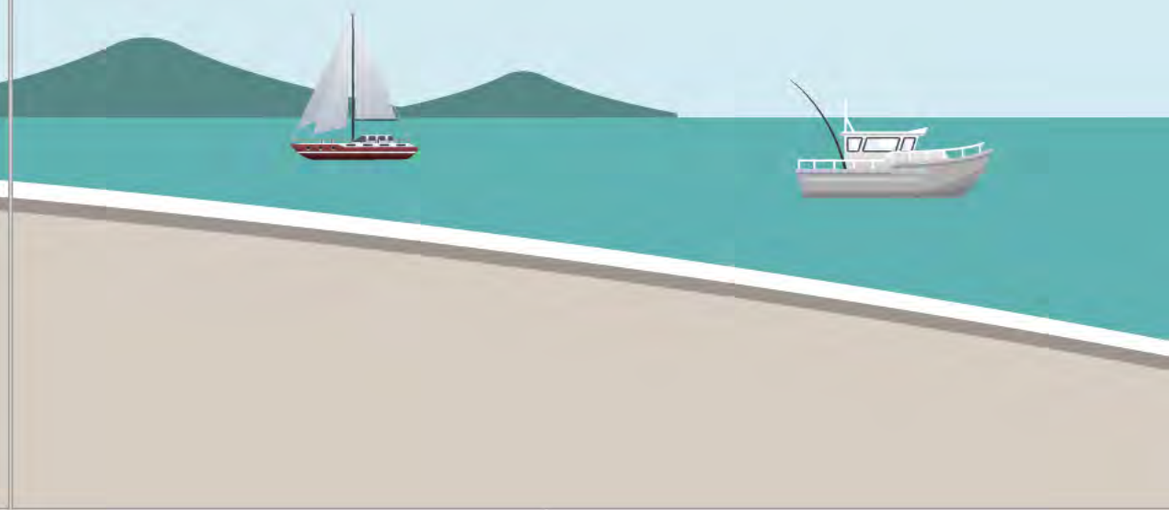

Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department

We're a not for profit community group established to help improve the harbor services in Morro Bay.

The Morro Bay Harbor Department is a service-oriented organization providing boater assistance, emergency response, code enforcement, and facilities maintenance for the waterfront and the waters of Morro Bay.

Join us in supporting the Harbor Department to ensure they have the necessary equipment for safety and to better serve those who visit our shoreline.

BE A FRIEND!

With your tax-deductible **donation**, the contribution of **volunteer time** - or **both**, you will be supporting the objectives of the Harbor Department and enhance the experience for all users of the waterfront, beach and bay.

Join our group of fun, active, concerned citizens who have a love for the harbor and want to make sure it is adequately monitored and provided for.

Some of our recent contributions:

- **Solar Powered Emergency Phone on the Sandspit**
- **Permanant Viewing Station**
- **Rescue Sled**
- **New Lifeguard Tower**
- **Parking Lot Striping Machine**
- **Beach Wheelchair**
- **Jr. Lifeguard Equipment Container**
- **Rebuilding of the Sea Lion Dock**
- **Specialty Headsets**

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Safe boating in Morro Bay:

Morro Bay is a beautiful harbor with wide ranging boating challenges. With a notoriously dangerous harbor entrance, narrow channels with many shoals, heavy currents, a sometimes persistent marine layer and fresh winds, the smart boater will prepare for a voyage carefully. Here are some hot tips to make your trip safe, successful, and pleasant:

Harbor Entrance: As one of the roughest on the West Coast, it often has a hazardous bar warning posted because of turbulent seas. Exercise caution regardless of experience. Low tides and swift currents will create a dangerous condition with breaking waves across the entrance. **Never** transit the harbor entrance with waves breaking in the channel.

Channels: Pay close attention to the channel markers, indicating deep water from the harbor entrance to as far south as Fairbanks Point (by the State Park Marina). There are shoals all over the bay, & grounding on an ebb tide can leave you high & dry for hours. The bay is nearly 4 miles long, and 60% is exposed mud flats at a zero tide. Stay in the designated channels unless you have local navigation knowledge.

Fog: We get our fair share of fog here, and it can come at any time. Never leave the harbor without knowledge of how to use a compass, charts, and electronic aids to navigation.

Safety Gear: Always check to ensure your vessel is equipped with all required safety gear, PFDs. anchor & rode, VHF radio, and cell phone.

Know before you go!

Proper planning makes for more fun & saves lives.

Be safe & enjoy your voyage!

Weather: It sure can change quickly, and you'll want to be prepared for all conditions. Always check the weather forecast and the tides before venturing out on the water.

Harbor Rules:

- **Speed Limit:** No vessel shall operate in excess of 5MPH or produce a wake within the harbor or upon entering between the jetties.
- **Anchoring:** No person shall anchor, moor or secure a vessel or any object within the city limits except in designated areas and locations. Violators will have vessels moved & stored at their expense.
- **Sewage:** Discharge of sewage is strictly prohibited. There are three designated sewage pumpout stations for your convenience.

Liveaboards: No person may liveaboard a non-transient vessel in excess of 4 days without first obtaining a permit as provided for in Morro Bay Municipal Code.

Questions: The Morro Bay Harbor Department **has answers!** Contact them at **1275 Embarcadero • (805) 772-6254 • Morro-Bay.ca.us**

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Slips • Reseverved & assigned to commerical fishing vessels

Guest Moorings • 30 day limit

Floating Docks at the end of Morro Bay Blvd., Harbor St., Anchor St., & Tidelands Park • Recreational boats. No overnight tie-ups. 3 hour max.

Launch Ramp • Located at the south end of the Embarcadero, docks for immediate launching and retreival of vessels. 72 hour parking in lot.

Vessel Rinse Down • At the north end of the Launch Ramp parking lot. • Fresh water rinse only. No solvents, cleaners, or soaps allowed.

Waste Pump Out Stations • Tidelands • MB Yacht Club • South T-Pier

Waste Oil Disposal • Collection Center at 1196 Front Street

Oil/Water Separator (for oily bilge water) • Located on the South-T Pier

Public Showers • At the North T-Pier and at Tidelands Park Restroom

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State Park Marina / APC • 495 Embarcadero • (805) 772-7472
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TEN TIPS FOR *CLEAN BOATING*

1. PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR HEAD.

Manage sewage properly. Use sewage pumpouts, dump stations, or mobile-pumpout services instead. It is illegal to release untreated sewage within three miles from shore.

2. STOW IT, DON'T THROW IT.

Keep trash on board. Never throw cigarettes, fishing line, or any other garbage into waterways. Take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper. Avoid excess packaging.

3. REDUCE GREY WATER DISCHARGE.

Use a phosphate-free soap to minimize the impacts of grey water on the marine environment. Whenever possible, minimize discharge by using onshore facilities to wash dishes and shower.

4. PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Dispose of paint, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters, and other hazardous waste at a collection facility. Save time, and pump out waste in the same visit!

5. SPILL-PROOF OIL CHANGE & FUELING.

Use a portable oil-change pump, to change oil. To prevent spills, drain used oil into a sealable container. Fill the fuel tank slowly. Leave 10% of the tank empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms. Always have an oil absorbent handy to catch spills from oil changes and fueling. Recycle saturated absorbents, fuel bibs, oil, and oil filters at hazardous waste facilities.

6. CLEAN & MAINTAIN YOUR BOAT THE GREEN WAY.

When possible, perform maintenance tasks with your boat out of the water. Contain waste with tarps and vacuum sanders. Use cleaners that are water-based, biodegradable, phosphate-free, and labeled as less toxic. Use non-copper, antifouling coatings for your boat. Minimize fouling growth and extend the life of the hull coating by thoroughly wiping the boat bottom with a soft, non-abrasive sponge.

MORE INFO at **MBNEP.org/boat**

7. CLEAN, DRY, & DRAIN YOUR BOAT.

Do not spread aquatic invasive plants and animals. Before leaving the water, examine your boat and equipment. Remove any visible mud, plants, or animals. Never release plants or animals into a body of water unless they originated n that body of water. Do not release plants or animals into storm drains; most storm drains lead to water bodies or wetlands. Clean and dry anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, equipment, dogs, boots, clothes, etc.).

8. PREVENT OILY BILGE DISCHARGE.

To prevent fuel and oil leaks, keep the bilge clean and dry, and your boat engine well-tuned. Put oil absorbents beneath the engine and in the bilge. Check them often and dispose of them at a hazardous waste collection center.

9. DO NOT ADD SOAP TO DISPERSE SPILLS.

Never use soap to disperse fuel or oil spills. This is harmful to the environment and illegal. Instead, use your spill kit and call the Harbor Department for help. Avoid using bilge cleaners as they may be inadvertently discharged overboard.

10. PUT FISH WASTE IN THE TRASH, NOT THE WATER.

Whenever possible, use a fish-cleaning station and put all fish waste in the closed dumpster provided. If you need to clean fish onboard your boat, collect and bring all waste to a closed dumpster. Dumping fish carcasses into the water is against Morro Bay City code and can result in fines. Fish carcasses can get stuck in birds' throats, causing injury or death.

HELP KEEP MORRO BAY CLEAN FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY!

Prepared and presented by the Morro Bay National Estuary Program, a local nonprofit.

Protect & Restore Morro Bay.

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Information provided by the following organizations.

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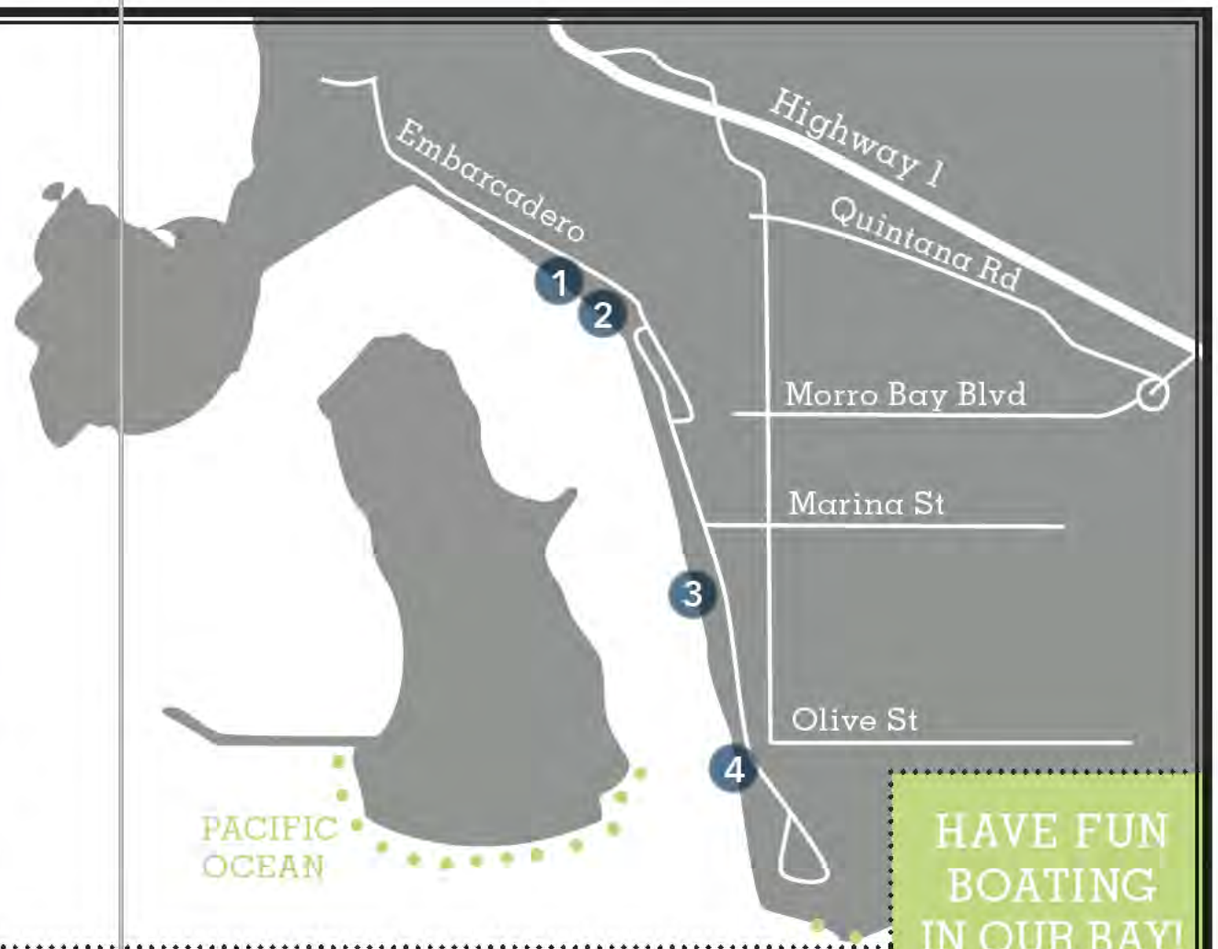
BOATING CLEAN & GREEN

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS BOATING AND WATERWAYS



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WASTE *COLLECTION FACILITIES* IN MORRO BAY

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South T-pier 2		●	●			805.772.6254
Morro Bay Yacht Club 3			●			805.772.3981
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Chablis Cruises • ChablisCruises.com • (805) 772-2128
Lost Isle Tiki Boat • LostIsleAdventures.Wixsite.com • (805) 771-9337
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Central Coast Outdoors • CentralCoastOutdoors.com • (805) 528-1080
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Estero Adventures • EsteroInn.com • (805) 550-3165
Kayak Shack • MorroBayKayakRental.com • (805) 772-8796

Morro Bay Paddlesports • PaddleMorroBay.com • (805) 704-6902
Bay Cruisers • BayCruisers.com • (805) 771-9339
Rock Kayak Co. • RockKayak.com • (805) 772-2906
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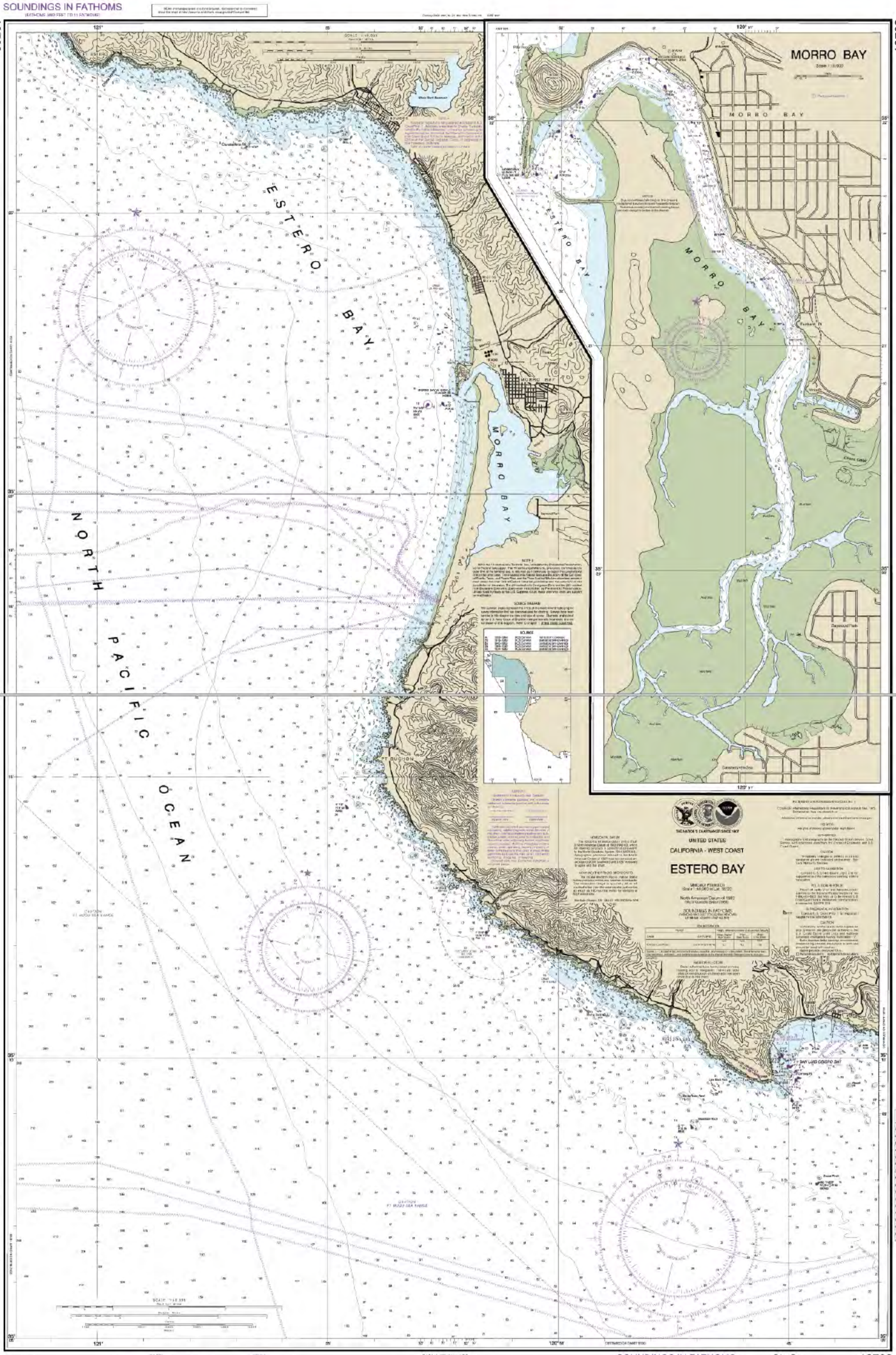

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DeGarimore's (Fuel, Ice, Bait) • 1001 Front Street • (805) 772-1392
Morro Bay Propane & U-Haul • 899 Quintana Road • (805) 771-9850
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Morro Bay National Estuary Program • MBNEP.org • (805) 772-3834
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Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation • MBYSF.org
Pacific Wildlife Care • PacificWildlifeCare.org • Hotline: (805) 543-9453
San Luis Yacht Club (Avila Beach) • SLYC.org
Sea Otter Savvy • SeaOtterSavvy.org • Respect-Wildlife.org
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Respect Wildlife!

Watch out for wildlife such as seals, sea lions, sea otters, birds, whales, & dolphins. **Tips to avoid disturbing or colliding with wildlife:**

- **Keep an eye out** for surfacing animals.
- Have a **designated wildlife spotter.**
- Travel at **safe speeds.**
- **Respect "no wake" zones.**
- **Avoid chasing** or encircling animals.
- Limit observing time to **30 minutes or less.**
- **Allow plenty of space** between your boat and wildlife. Stay at least **5 boat lengths** away.
- **Respect the nap!** Awakening sleeping wildlife can cause them harm.

Know before you go! Observe and follow posted guidelines at harbors and other marine recreation access points. **Find more info:**

Respect-Wildlife.org • SeaOtterSavvy.org

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