



BOATING PUBLIC NOTICE

UPDATE: Santa Cruz Harbor Entrance Shoaling

The Coast Guard has recently disestablished the Safety Zone at the entrance to Santa Cruz Harbor, but significant shoaling in the federal channel is still present. All mariners are advised to evaluate the weather conditions, water depths, and their boat handling abilities prior to entering or departing the harbor. All vessels are requested to transit the channel with extreme caution, at all times. Dredging has been conducted by the Santa Cruz Port District to remove substantial material from the Harbor entrance, reducing the shoal and improving navigability. The shoal sizes and their dynamic movement are difficult to track and have historically created hazardous conditions within the channel, such as breaking surf. Mariners choosing to transit the channel are advised that water depths may change erratically and may not correlate to charted depths. Sounding reports will be posted at the Harbor Master's Office.

The Coast Guard urges all vessel traffic to verify soundings with the Harbor Master when transiting the Santa Cruz Harbor Channel during a negative tide. Furthermore, all vessels drafting 7 ft or greater are requested to check in with the Harbor Master prior to transiting the Santa Cruz Harbor Channel.

The Harbor Master may be reached via VHF Channel 9 or by telephone at (831) 471-6161.

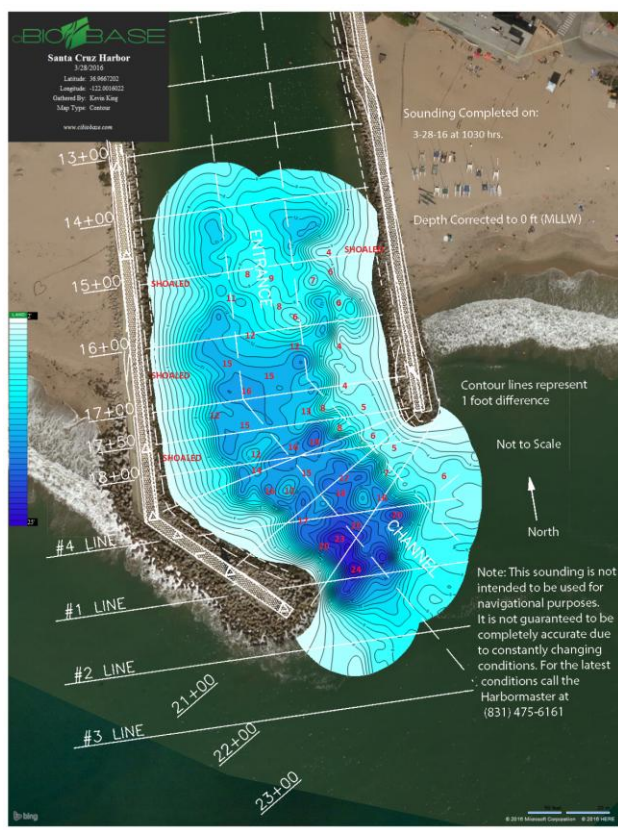


Chart is not for navigational purposes.

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