

SEC. 4.30 - SOUTH SAN DIEGO BAY ANCHORING, MOORING  
AND AQUATIC ACTIVITIES REGULATED

(a) Purpose

California law (San Diego Unified Port District Act, Harbors and Navigation Code, Appendix I, Sections 55 and 56) requires the Board of Port Commissioners to regulate and control the anchoring, mooring, towing and docking of vessels, and to make and enforce all necessary rules and regulations governing the use and control of navigable waters within the District. The purpose of this Section of the San Diego Unified Port District Code is to implement that responsibility within South San Diego Bay.

South San Diego Bay is naturally shallow with depths ranging from One (1) to Six (6) Feet at low tide, except in marked channels. Problems associated with water quality and flotsam are more prevalent in the South Bay owing to the lack of tidal flushing in this area. Numerous sunken vessels, submerged obstructions and dilapidated watercraft have been abandoned in the area, complicating navigation.

Duly published regulations and restrictions promulgated by competent State or Federal authority shall be paramount in the event of conflict with provisions of this Code.

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(b) Definitions

1. South San Diego Bay - The part of San Diego Bay lying southward of a line extending in a west southwesterly direction from the southwesterly corner of the Sweetwater Wharf in Latitude  $32^{\circ} 38' 52''$  N; Longitude  $117^{\circ} 07' W$ , to a point on the southerly shore of Crown Cove at Latitude  $32^{\circ} 38' 10''$  N, Longitude  $117^{\circ} 08' 20''$  W.

2. Coronado Cays Channel - That channel marked by buoys and daymarkers lying east of Coronado Cays; including approaches to floats and berthing facilities in the Coronado Cays complex.

3. Chula Vista Harbor Channel - That channel marked by daymarkers leading from the Sweetwater Channel turning basin Buoy No. 41 in a southerly direction toward the Chula Vista Harbor entrance situated at Latitude  $32^{\circ} 37' 23''$  N, Longitude  $117^{\circ} 06' 15''$  W.

4. Chula Vista Small Craft Harbor - That deepened and protected portion of South San Diego Bay lying eastward of Longitude  $117^{\circ} 06' 15''$  W.

5. Chula Vista Wildlife Preserve - That man-made peninsula of approximately Eighty (80)

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acres in surface lying southerly of the Chula Vista Harbor, and westerly of San Diego Gas & Electric power plant at Latitude 32° 37' N.

(c) Regulations

1. It shall be unlawful to anchor, moor, make fast to the bottom, strand, or ground vessel or structure within South San Diego Bay as defined in Sec. 4.30(b)1 of this Code.

2. Watercraft engaged in public works projects, patrol derelict removal, geological or environmental survey, or other work permitted by competent local, State or Federal authority shall be exempt from this restriction during the course of such work. This section shall not apply to vessels of less than Eighteen (18) Inches loaded draft engaged in fishing during daylight hours.

3. It shall be unlawful for any vessel to be operated at a speed in excess of Five (5) Miles Per Hour in South San Diego Bay as defined in Sec. 4.30(b)1 of this Code.

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