



Report on Marine Debris Clean Up

SSFMC Chapter 8.78 April 23, 2025



Background

Chapter 8.78 (“Mooring Regulations”) to the (SSFMC)

September 11 2024-City Council Adopted Chapter 8.78 to the South San Francisco Municipal Code (SSFMC) The ordinance gave the city the power and role to:

- Issue 10-day notices to vessels out at sea
- Issuing public nuisance warrants
- Issuing arrest warrants
- Having the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office enforce the warrant

These follow policies of nearby counties and cities

On January 8, 2025, the City Council amended SSFMC Chapter 8.78, which included definitions and changed language to be more broad.

Issue

As of February 27, 2025, as shown in the Marine Audit included as Attachment 1, there were 26 vessels in the City's navigable waterways. The impact public safety and health, leading to increased fire risk, improper waste disposal and fuel leaks.

These issues diminish the land value and appeal of oyster point.

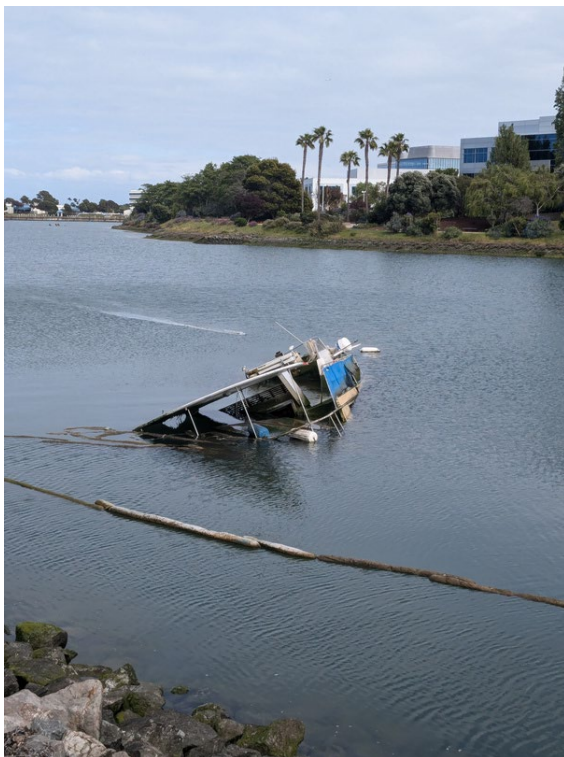


Enforcement Update / Next Steps

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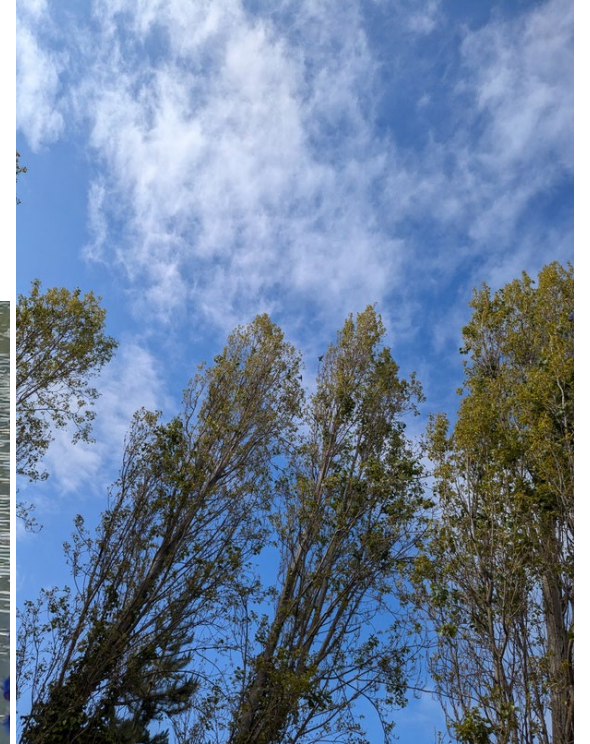
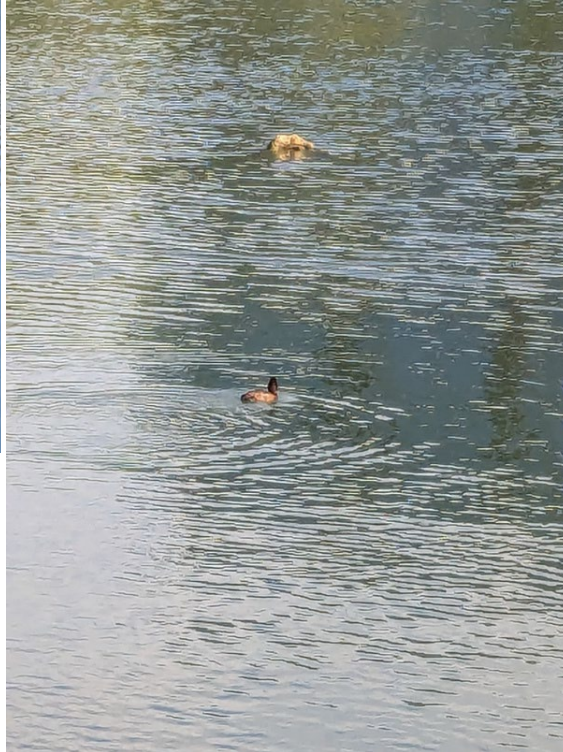
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Update

City Manager has signed on-call agreements with three salvage companies in January of 2025. Process will begin in phases

- Phase One [Underway] - Removal of nine unoccupied vessels cost of \$125,000 Contractors start the week of May 5th
- Took three bids and went with the lowest
- Targeting the easiest to remove

Next Steps

Phase Two [TBD] - Targeting occupied vessels the steps are:

- Issue 10-day notices to vessels out at sea
- Issuing public nuisance warrants
- Issuing arrest warrants
- Having the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office enforce the warrant

- Can take 20-40 days based on availability
- Will cost likely double of phase one's cost due to legal fees and the increased number of boats

Reimbursement

The City Manager's Office will also be applying for the California Parks Division of Boating and Waterways Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) Grant

- Application is from March 14 to April 30
- It is a Reimbursement of 10% of the cost of removal
- Currently the grant would reimburse the city \$12,500 of the clean up cost. As a two year agreement the reimbursement will rise

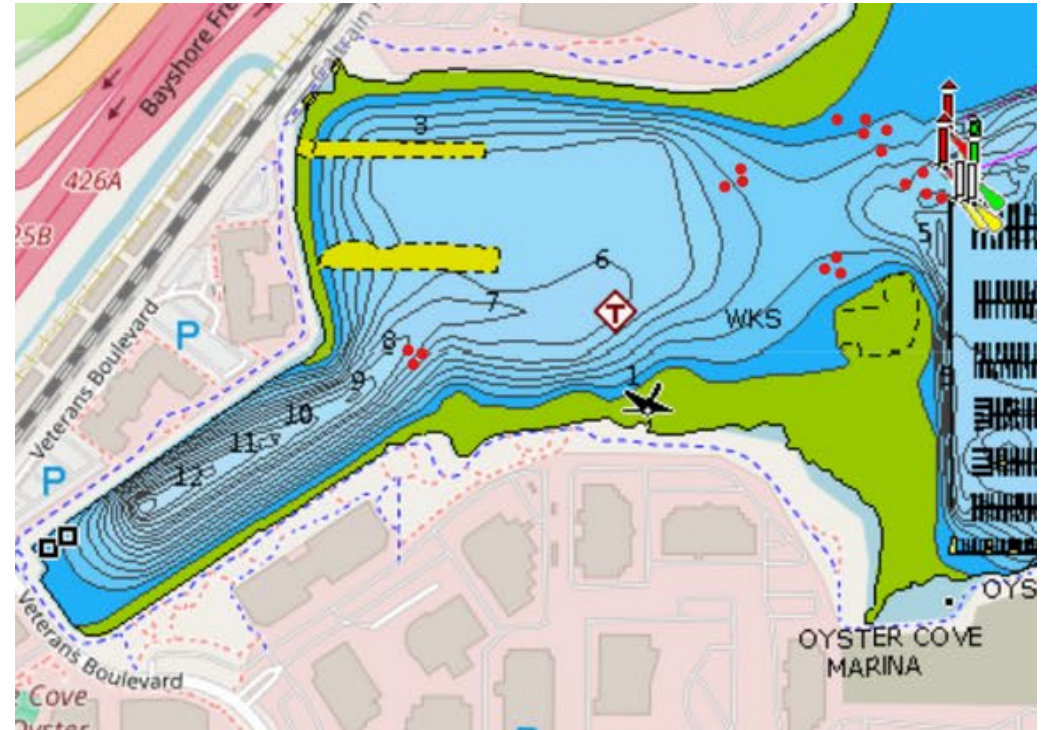


Potential Preventative Measures

Artificial Submerged Barrier-Oyster Channel Exclusive

One proposition is installation of several instances of rock pylons from the unused oyster Cove marina to the bend in the Bay Shore Trail

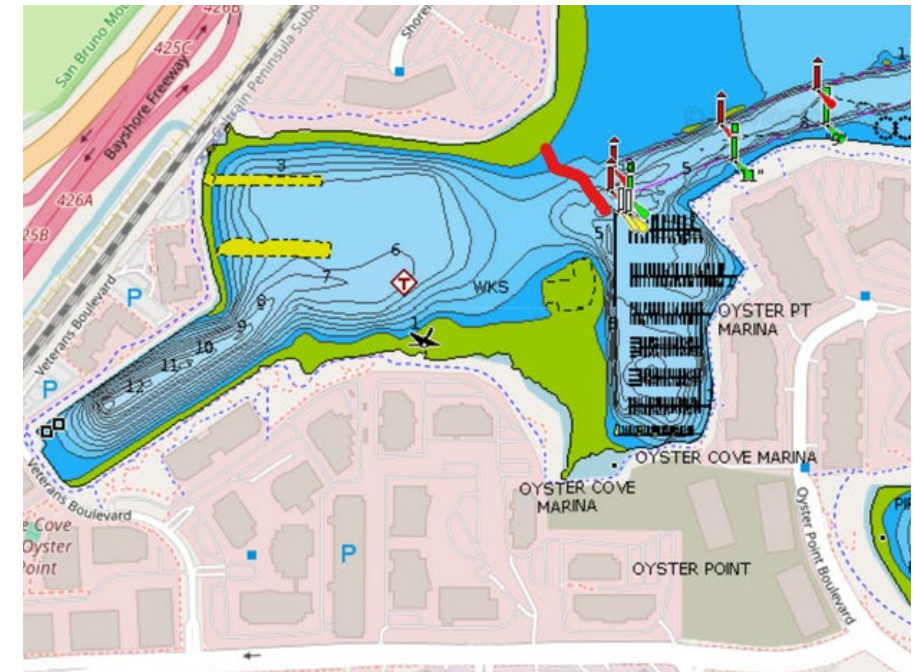
- Materials would consist of 32 tons of large rock and large high density polyethylene
- Would cost approximately \$9,000
- Labor would be approximately \$1,500
- The city would work with the BCDC to ensure environmental conciseness



Artificial Reef Wall-Oyster Channel Exclusive

Another option for prevention is to install an eco-wall from the unused oyster Cove marina to the bend in the Bay Shore Trail

- Using Marine blocks stacked from each side, 3" from sea level to stop vessels from entering the Channel
- Cost is estimated at \$25,000 for 250 marine blocks
- Rehabilitate sea life and stop boats from entering
- the lack of activity in the cove and few accidents are expected



Housing the Unhoused Policy

Staff recommends that the City Council promote more unhoused friendly legislation and zoning

- Larger issues of improperly disposed waste, fire hazard, and disease hazard stem from our unhoused community
- Staff recommends that the City pursue more development and construction of subsidized and affordable housing

The individuals on the boats have been offered transitional housing services by City police and the non-profit Life Moves-the issue of homelessness from RVs and Vessels is difficult to solve

- More access points can help alleviate the issue

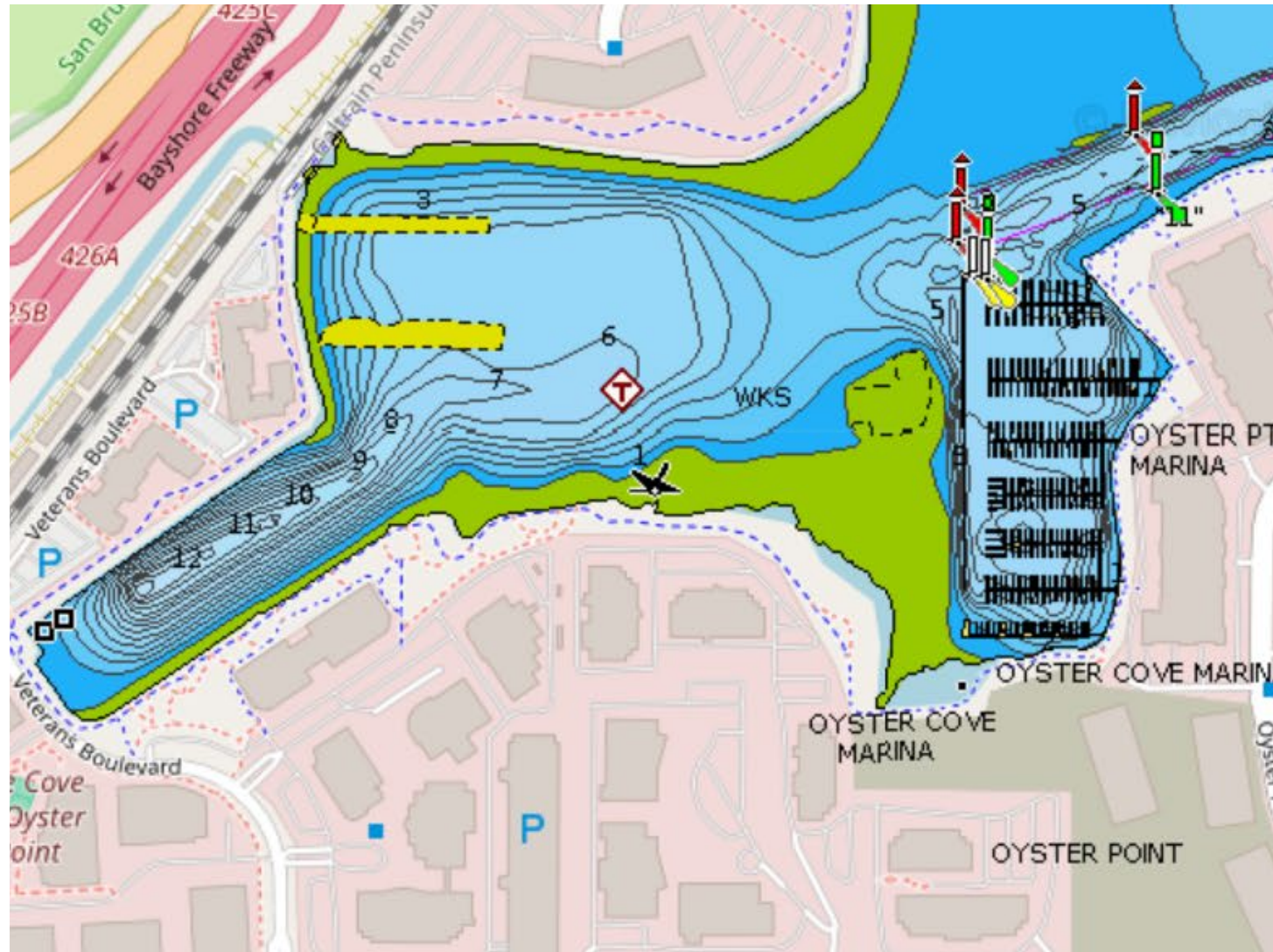
Legality and Jurisdiction

The waters of the Oyster Point are one foot to seven feet deep, while also being historically unused were recently expanded due to land fillings in the 60s and 70s. There has been no commercial use of the waters discussed in this report.

The case of Oyster Point also is in public and environmental interest, the fires, and fecal contamination provide a threat to the wildlife and people of the area.

With that it is in the City's best interest to pursue prevention of long term anchored boats.

Water Depth



THANK YOU



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