

5-365 -A Site Summary- Upper Newport Bay**5-365 -A**County: **Orange Co.**
USGS Quad: **Newport Beach**Thomas Guide Location: **889 D5**
NOAA Chart: **18754**Latitude N Longitude W
Decimal Degrees: **33.62393 -117.89169**
ACP Division: **OR-B**

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Extensive shallow-water habitat - marshland, wetlands, very low energy, soft bottom substrate. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area(s): Upper Newport Bay SMCA.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Rank A - All year.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Extensive shallow water habitat and wetlands.

California Least Tern (Federal and State endangered species) and Light-Footed Clapper Rail (Federal and State endangered species) nesting and foraging, California Brown Pelican, Black Skimmer, Belding's Savannah Sparrow, (State endangered species), California Gnat Catcher (Federal threatened species), and Peregrine Falcon.

Major juvenile finfish populations (particularly California Halibut).

Salt Marsh Bird's Beak (Federal and State endangered species) and Cord Grass.

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Contact the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historical Preservation at (916) 445-7000 and the South Central Coastal Information Center at (657) 278-5395 for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
E		Newport Dunes Aquatic Park	(949) 729-3863
O		Newport Beach Fire Dept. (24 hr)	(949) 780-0981
O		Newport Beach Lifeguards (7am - 6pm)	(949) 644-3177
O		Newport Beach Police Dept. (24 hr)	(949) 644-3717
O		Orange County Harbor Patrol (24 hr)	(949) 723-1002
O		Orange County Sheriffs Dept. (24 hr)	(714) 288-6742
T	Nancy Frost CA Least Tern Survey	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	(858) 467-4208
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (24 hr)	(916) 358-1312
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (Los Alamitos)	(562) 342-7100
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 342-7215
T	OSPR Environmental Scientist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-6203
T	OSPR Technical Specialist	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife OSPR	(562) 598-4052
T	Carla Navarro Reserve Manager	Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Reg 5	(949) 640-9961
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (24 hr)	(760) 607-9768
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (8am - 4:30pm)	(760) 431-9440

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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To protect endangered and sensitive species and wetland habitat. Responders should watch for and avoid nesting birds and minimize disturbances to vegetation. Avoid the spread of oil into the wetland through response activities.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

SITE STRATEGIES

Strategy 5-365.1 Objective: Exclusion of oil to enter Newport Bay.

Use deflection boom east of Pacific Coast Highway to deflect the oil to beach fronts. Use additional deflection booms in a cascade pattern in the channel to deflect oil to collection points.

Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Boat launch available in Newport Bay. From PCH in Newport Beach, go north on Jamboree Rd. then west on Back Bay Dr. Boat launch is at Newport Dunes Aquatic Park at 1131 Back Bay Dr.

LAND ACCESS: Several points along Back Bay Dr.

WATER LOGISTICS: Shallow water and strong currents. Kayakers.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking All services available.

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FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: None.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

