RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of July 10, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Malcolm, Harbor Master

Subject: Harbor Master Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting Period May 1, 2025 – June 30 2025

Vessel metrics:

6	Vessels on Richardson Bay either on a path to housing, or allowed to remain under BCDC agreement timeline.
4	Vessels under active enforcement
1	Transient vessels
1	Vessels with valid 30-day permit
12	Total vessels on Richardson Bay
7	Vessels in designated anchorage
5	Vessels in Eelgrass Protection Zone (all vessels either path to housing or under enforcement action)

Significant events/Anchorage status:

Three vessels were removed or departed from the anchorage this period.

A 52-foot motor vessel as well as a 27-foot sail vessel were removed from the Eelgrass Protection Zone and surrendered to the RBRA Vessel Buyback Program. The vessel owners both surrendered the vessels in conjunction with the RBRA Housing Voucher Program.

A 27-foot sail vessel voluntarily departed from the Eelgrass Protection zone, and the vessel owner is now participating in the RBRA housing voucher program.

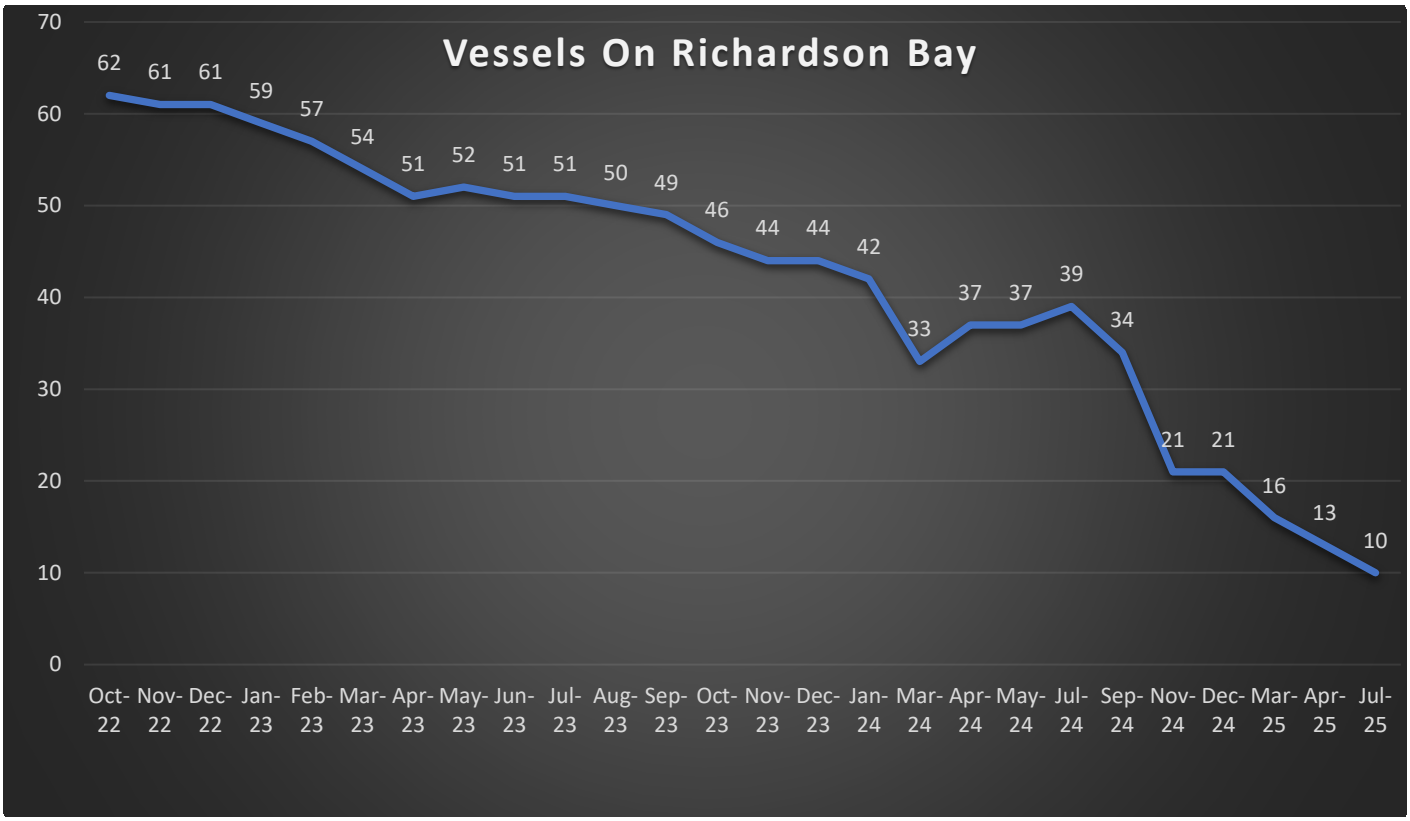
Two vessels previously removed from the anchorage under impound reached the termination of their impound timeframe. No action was taken by either vessel owner to retrieve the vessels and both vessels were disposed of in accordance with the California Harbors and Navigation Code after personal effects were removed and stored.

October 15, 2025 marks a deadline for all remaining vessels not included in the safe and seaworthy program to vacate the anchorage in accordance with the agreement between the RBRA and BCDC. Notices were not delivered to any vessel which the owner is already involved with the RBRA housing voucher program or is under a current enforcement action for violation of the RBRA code. Only one vessel falls into this category therefore one three month notice was delivered in preparation for this deadline.

Citation Program:

Three citations were issued during this period. All citations were issued for violation of RBRA code section 3.04.010 anchored greater than 72 hours. Additionally, two of the citations also included citations for RBRA code section 3.04.010, anchored in a no anchoring zone due to vessel anchorage within the Eelgrass Protection Zone.

One citation has been appealed, and an appeal hearing is pending.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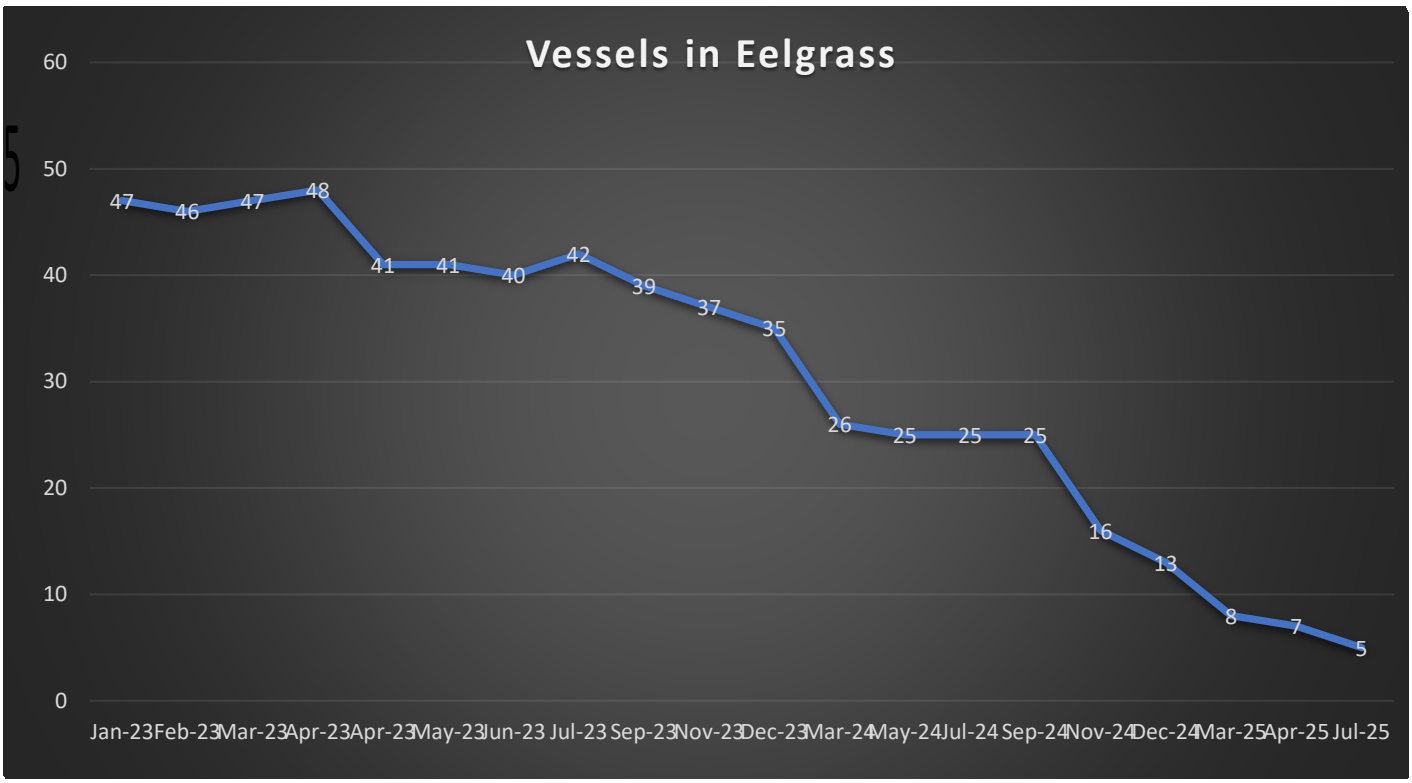
Vessels in Eelgrass
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3 MONTH ADVANCE

NOTICE

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

The vessel this notice is attached to: _____ _____ with

Known interested party or registered owner: _____ _____ has been identified by the RBRA as a vessel which is required to be removed from Richardson Bay in accordance with the agreement reached between the RBRA and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). This vessel must vacate Richardson Bay by October 15, 2025. If you wish, you may voluntarily turn your vessel in to the RBRA, sell the vessel to the RBRA through the RBRA Vessel Buy Back Program, or relocate the vessel from Richardson Bay. For additional information please contact the RBRA Harbormaster.

The RBRA Harbormaster, Jim Malcolm can be reached at:

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This notice is to be posted to the vessel or property