

4-747-C Site Summary - Ventura Harbor**4-747-C****County:** Ventura**ACP Division/Segment:** VN - D - S03**NOAA Chart:** 18725(a)**Map Book:** 491 F-G x 5-7**Decimal Degrees:** 34.249782 -119.267371**Site Description:**

Ventura harbor is bounded by jetties, to the south and north of the harbor mouth on Spinnaker Drive. Ventura Harbor's entrance faces west and is formed and protected by rip rap breakwaters. Harbor Cove Beach (fine to medium-grained sand) lies just inside the south entrance. This is a large harbor primarily for recreational boaters. There are a number of residential developments located along the inner keys. Large waves may occur at the entrance.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 9A Sheltered tidal flats

8C Sheltered riprap

8B Sheltered solid man-made structures

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	California least tern	FE, SE	Apr-Sept	
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Birds	brown pelican	FP, SP	Year-round	
Birds	gulls	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	California sea lion	FP		

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

List of Key Contacts:

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/	South Central Coast Information Center	(657) 278-5395
E	/Harbor Patrol	Ventura Harbor Port District	(805) 642-8618
T	/Dispatch	Channel Islands National Park	(559) 565-4221
T	Justin Viezbicke/Marine Mammal Stranding	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(562) 506-4315
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal T&E Species	(805) 644-1766

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

Additional Site Summary Comments:

Sea otters are occasionally observed inside the harbor.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

The primary objectives are to protect the harbor from wildlife and economic injuries by excluding oil. The harbor and breakwater provide important foraging and roosting habitat for birds and hard bottom habitat for fishes and invertebrates. It is critical to mount a rapid response to control, contain, and cleanup the spill before it affects wildlife and economic resources.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Unhealthy levels of coliform bacteria have been found in this area. Beware of boat traffic, pedestrians, waves, and slips, trips and falls, and water hazards on docks, ramps, boats, breakwaters, and intertidal areas.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: III****Strategy: 4-747.1 Objective:** Exclude Oil

Strategy: 1a. Deploy boom from the breakwater rip rap, straight across the entrance to the notch in the riprap adjacent to the Channel Islands National Park office building (see diagram). Configure boom so that the oil collection pocket can be adjusted to accommodate changes in flow direction.

1b. Deploy boom from the breakwater rip rap, across the entrance to the top of the rip rap (see diagram). Configure boom so that the oil collection pocket can be adjusted to accommodate changes in flow direction.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Harbor Boom			2000	feet	<i>Strategy Updated:</i>
Vessel	Boom Boat			2		<i>Last Test: 10/22/2025</i>
Vessel	Skiff or Punt			1		
Anchor	Danforth			8		
Staff				10		

Strategy: 4-747.2 Objective: Contain Oil

Strategy: Surround the source of the spill with hard boom backed by sorbents. If needed, add secondary booms. Contact Incident Command immediately regarding appropriate recovery methods. NOTE: GASOLINE VAPORS ARE HIGHLY FLAMMABLE. USE EXXTREME CAUTION.

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Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Harbor Boom			200	feet	
Boom	Sorbent Boom			200	feet	
Staff				2		
Vessel	Skiff			1		

Strategy: 4-747.3 Objective: Shoreline Pre-Clean: Resource Specialist Supervision Required

Strategy: Shoreline Precleaning - Consult with resource trustees regarding wildlife issues before undertaking this activity. Hand crews to move and store kelp, driftwood, vegetative debris, trash, and other materials above high-tide line. Dispose of trash. Replace unoiled debris in its former location once the threat of oiling is past. If heavy equipment is required for this operation, request trustee consultation and IC for authorization.

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Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Misc.	Trash Bags					
Vessel	Skiff or Punt			1		
Staff				5		

Logistics:

Directions: Going southbound US 101, exit Seaward Ave #68, turn left on Harbor Blvd for 1.6 mi, turn right on Schooner Dr for 0.3 mi, continue on Anchors Way Dr for 0.1 mi, turn left at the Harbor Patrol office on the right hand side (1603 Anchors Way). Going northbound US 101 exit Seaward Ave #68, turn left off the freeway, turn left on Harbor Blvd for 1.2 mi, turn right on Schooner Dr for 0.3 mi, continue on Anchors Way Dr for 0.1 mi, turn left at the Harbor Patrol office on

the right hand side (1603 Anchors Way). To reach the northern side of the harbor from Harbor Blvd turn right on Peninsula St for 0.3 mi, turn left on Bayshore Ave for 0.4 mi and right on Coral St, turn left into Marina Park. To reach the southern side of the harbor (and Channel Island National Park Headquarters), from Harbor Blvd turn right on Spinnaker Drive for 1.3 mi and continue all the way to the end.

Land Access: Most areas subject to oiling are accessible primarily by boat.

On-Water Limitations: Ventura Harbor is a full service civilian harbor for berthing, launching, and fueling.

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Staging and access at Marina Cove Beach and the Harbor Master's Office.

Communications Problems:

Additional Operational Comments:

