
A. Grand Jury (GJ) Findings (page 31 of Grand Jury Final Report)

1. "The slip transfer policy provides that the permittee of a slip, upon sale of his/her vessel or upon the addition of a partner to his/her ownership of the vessel, may transfer the slip permit to the new owner or add the partner to the permit upon payment of a transfer fee."

2. "The Harbor officials interviewed acknowledged that the boat slip transfer policy is being subverted, and that slips are being sold by slip licensees who agree for a cash settlement to enter a partnership with the slip "buyer" and subsequently remove themselves from that partnership, leaving the "buyer" as the sole slip licensee."

3. "The current policy, although admittedly open to manipulation, is believed by these officials to be "the most fair" for the marina constituency, that is, the present licensees. People on the waiting list are less well served."


1. "The Santa Barbara City Council should require strict compliance with current regulations or, in lieu thereof, revise current regulations to reflect current practice."

2. "Following the negotiation of a slip license, the adding of partners by the licensee should not be permitted."


1. "The current Slip Assignment Policy was adopted by the City Council by Resolution 80-113 in September, 1980. The policy has been discussed and studied by the Harbor Commission on several occasions since 1980 with no revisions being recommended to the City Council. The Harbor Commission reviewed the Grand Jury Report at its July meeting and found that the current method of handling slip transfers was equitable and reasonable and is enforced pursuant to the adopted policy. They recommend no changes be made to the existing policy."