

DORY FLEET

It is a general policy of the City of Newport Beach that an area immediately west of the Newport Pier be reserved for the Newport Dory Fleet (“Dory Fleet”). The Dory Fleet, founded in 1891, is a historical landmark designated by the Newport Beach Historical Society.

The City Council, in developing an official position with respect to the Dory Fleet, has examined and evaluated the following:

- A. The historical significance and relative size of the Dory Fleet;
- B. The desirability of preserving a small area of public beach for commercial Dory Fleet activity, primarily for catching and selling fish; and
- C. The responsibility of the City to protect the health, safety and welfare of beach users and swimmers in the vicinity of the Dory Fleet.

After considering these factors, the Newport Beach City Council has adopted policy provisions concerning the Dory Fleet operations.

- A. The Dory Fleet zone is delineated by pilings erected by the City and is reserved for full time members of the Dory Fleet who derive their livelihood from commercial fishing (“Dory Fleet Zone”). Members of the Dory Fleet are required to maintain a current commercial fishing license.
- B. Members of the Dory Fleet are required to maintain a valid commercial fishing permit for all seafood species they offer for sale to the public.
- C. All products offered for sale to the public must be locally caught products. (“Local” shall be defined as those products caught in the navigable waters between the United States/Mexico border from the south and Point Conception (34.4486°N, 120.4716° W) to the north.)
- D. Members of the Dory Fleet will have a current City business license.
- E. Dory Fleet fishing vessels allowed to be launched and stored on the public beach will be trailered, 25 feet or less in length and a registered commercial fishing vessel.
- F. The Dory Fleet Zone is not to be used as a launching facility for itinerant commercial or sport fishing enterprises.

- G. The use of vehicles to launch and retrieve boats during the summer months and weekends in the spring and fall when beach use is heavy, will be restricted to the hours before 11:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Vehicles and trailers used by the Dory Fleet will be parked in a location and manner prescribed by the Fire Department.
- H. The Dory Fleet will be responsible for cleanup and maintenance of the designated Dory Fleet Zone.
- I. The City will furnish two water hose bib outlets to be shared by the members of the Dory Fleet. Electricity will consist of one light switch and one plug switch per shed, with the monthly costs prorated amongst the shed assignees.
- J. The Dory Fleet storage sheds permitted within the designated boundaries are to be used by members of the Dory Fleet only for the storage of equipment and supplies and are not to be used for temporary or permanent housing occupancy.
- K. There shall be a maximum of 20 Dory Fleet storage sheds no larger than 10 feet by 10 feet, with roof ridge heights not to exceed 9 feet. The size, type of construction and architectural style shall be developed with input from the Dory Fleet.
- L. Members of the Dory Fleet will abide by all City ordinances and California Boating Laws in the operation of their vessels near the beach and surf zone where there are swimmers and surfers. Dory Fleet vessels will ingress and egress immediately ocean ward of the Dory Fleet Zone.
- M. The Dory Fleet may designate a spokesperson to represent their concerns and will meet with appropriate City department(s), as designated by the City Manager, to resolve conflicts of use and safety problems.

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