

Copper based boat paints in Newport Harbor

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I have read and support the City of Newport Beach's current position with regards to copper based boat paints.

I have been playing on the water in Newport Harbor for over 50 years and can honestly say that in my opinion the water in Newport Harbor has never been cleaner than it is today.

The City of Newport Beach has done a great job with regards to dredging and general trash cleanup and the harbor waters are both clear and thriving with marine life.

I have a mooring in the harbor and at low tide if the sun is overhead I can sometimes see the bottom. This is unprecedented in the 22 years that I've had that mooring and has only happened over the past couple of years.

I have also noticed rock scallops on almost every seawall and piling. Juvenile fish school under my boat regularly and I have seen lobsters in some unusual places in and around the Balboa Yacht Club marina which I don't recall ever seeing before.

In summary I think that the water of Newport Harbor is cleaner than I've ever experienced over the past 50 years and is currently thriving with marine life.

I don't think we need to make any rash changes because the current system is working and the harbor waters are healthy.

Respectfully,

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