

Recommended Improvements to the Cruise Ship Program

		<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Impacts/Notes</u>	<u>Staff Recommended</u>	<u>Harbor Commission Recommended</u>
1	Wastewater Treatment	Request cruise ships calling on Santa Barbara be equipped with Advanced Wastewater Treatment Systems (AWTS) by 2025	Restricts some cruise lines. May result in fewer visiting cruise ships. Industry is moving in this direction	YES	YES
2	Wastewater Discharge	Continue the local requirement of no discharges of any kind within 12 nautical miles of Santa Barbara	Continue compliance. Existing requirement	YES	YES
3	Vessel Speed	Request cruise ships calling on Santa Barbara to reduce speeds, when feasible, to 10 knots or less within the Santa Barbara Channel Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Zone between May 1 and December 15	Existing Assembly Bill AB953 in process. Requires Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to administer vessel speed program. Defer to this or other programs when they become available	YES	YES
4	Scheduling/Limiting Visits	Continue to prohibit cruise ship visitation from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Prohibit cruise ship visits on weekends year round	Formalizes a current practice	YES	YES
5	Business/Community	Encourage cruise lines to further involve local businesses during visits	Has already been occurring. Can continue efforts	YES	YES
6	Business/Community	Encourage cruise lines to explore the feasibility of supplying local seafood to visiting ships	Being investigated. Tough to establish a program with so few cruise ship visits	YES	YES
7	Business/Community	Encourage cruise lines to engage with educational institutions to enhance career development in the maritime sector	Being investigated. Can continue efforts	YES	YES
8	Fees	Continue charging the increased per passenger fees from \$10 to \$15 for FY24 and FY25	Implemented as of July 1, 2023	YES	YES
9	Fees	Continue charging the implemented 500 passenger minimum fee of \$7,500 for FY24 and FY25	Implemented as of July 1, 2023	YES	YES
10	Fees	Continue charging the implemented cancellation fee of \$2,500 for ships that cancel 15-30 days prior to call, and \$6,500 for ships that cancel 14 days or less prior to call for FY24 and FY25	Implemented as of July 1, 2023	YES	YES
11	Approval Process	Require visiting cruise ships to receive written approval from City Administrator or designated representative	Formalizes a current practice. Visiting cruise ships receive written confirmation from Waterfront	YES	YES
12	Policy/Documentation	Establish a publicly available cruise ship best practices informational resource for Santa Barbara which includes an annual report on cruise ship statistics, ship technologies, and incidents	Staff can administer. Slight cost to staff due to staff time requirements. Can report Cruise Ship Program details to Harbor Commission	YES	YES
13	Program Review	Conduct periodic reviews of the Cruise Ship Program to ensure it continues to align with Council priorities and City's goals	Can review at Harbor Commission and Council level periodically	YES	YES
14	Evaluate Need for Pilots	Evaluate the need for licensed ship pilots to assist with cruise ships in Santa Barbara	Evaluated during workgroup process. Very difficult to implement with little benefit. Pilot transportation issues	YES	YES
15	Technology - At Anchor	Request cruise ships calling on Santa Barbara to consider at-anchor emissions control systems when such technologies become commercially feasible	Difficult to prioritize. Subjective technology that doesn't specifically exist. Revisit and implement when specific technologies arise	YES	YES
16	Scheduling Limit	Establish a limit of twenty (20) annual cruise ship visits	Will result in volatile revenue as cruise ship sizes vary. Removes scheduling flexibility. Impacts cruise line itineraries. Already limitations in place on available booking dates.	NO	COUNCIL INPUT
17	Technology - Scrubbers	Prioritize cruise ships without scrubber technology or with closed loop scrubber technology	Difficult to prioritize. Defer to regulatory agencies that govern when various technologies can and can't be used	NO	YES
18	Technology - Plug-In Electr	Prioritize cruise ships with shore power connectivity	Difficult to prioritize. Defer to regulatory agencies that govern when various technologies can and can't be used	NO	YES
19	Environmental Compliance	Prioritize cruise lines with exemplary environmental compliance records	Difficult to administer. Subjective. Significant staff time to evaluate and substantiate data. May be legal implications with wrongfully denying cruise ships based on unsubstantiated data	NO	YES
20	Cruise Ship Working Group	Maintain the Cruise Ship Workgroup	Defies the definition of a workgroup. Possible Brown Act issues. Needs a specific task and conclusion. Suggest future cruise ship discussion occurring at Harbor Commission level and reforming a workgroup as needed	NO	YES