ARTICLE 4
MARINE OPERATIONS

SECTION NO. 4.01- REGULATION OF VESSELS – DISABLED, GROUNDED AND BEACHED

(a) Any disabled vessel or any vessel in such condition as to create a danger to persons or property shall be subject to, and the owner or person in custody or control of such vessel shall comply with, all orders or directions of the Executive Director or his or her designee with regard to the disposition of such vessel.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in custody or control of any vessel or structure to ground or beach said vessel or structure on San Diego Bay tide or submerged lands for the purpose of performing repairs or maintenance without the express prior permission of the Executive Director, or his or her designee.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in custody or control of any vessel or structure to ground or beach said vessel or structure on San Diego Bay tide or submerged lands and leave said vessel unattended. For the purpose of this Section, a vessel or structure shall be deemed unattended when the vessel or structure has been beached or grounded and the owner/operator or watchman does not remain in the immediate area for a period of more than Three (3) hours. This Section shall not apply to any designated, dinghy landing area. The grounding,
beaching, launching or retrieving of any vessel or structure in any wildlife
sanctuary or protected lands shall be unlawful.

(d) Any vessel beached or aground in violation of any provision of this Section
shall be subject to removal and storage by any Harbor Police Officer
pursuant to Section 8.25(a) of this Code. The registered and/or legal
owner of the vessel may be liable for all costs related to the removal and
storage of any vessel removed and stored pursuant to this Section. Any
violation of this Section is a misdemeanor.

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