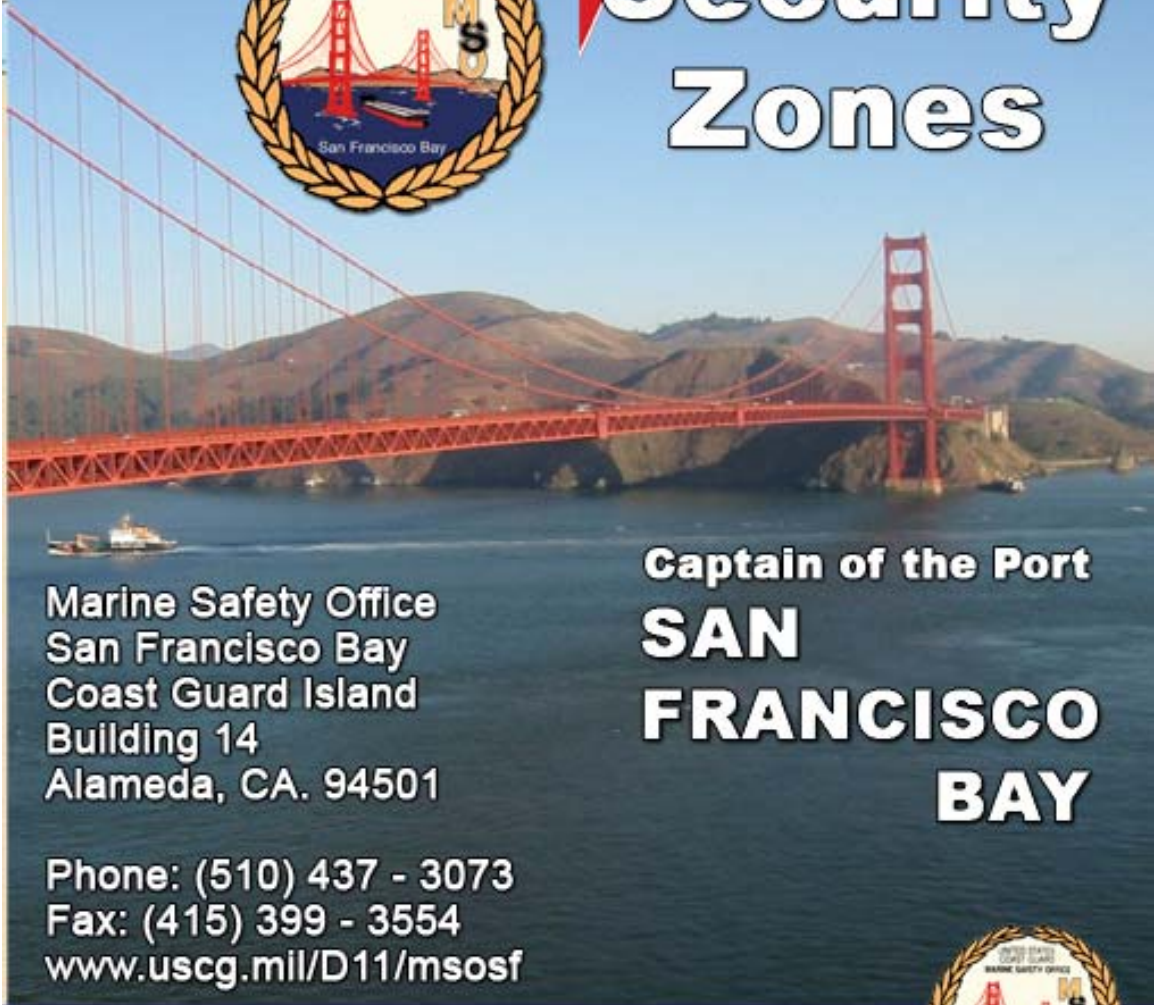




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Security Zones



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Security Zones

The Coast Guard has established fixed security zones in certain specified areas of the San Francisco Bay. These security zones are necessary to ensure public safety and prevent sabotage or terrorist acts at these locations. Entering, transiting through or anchoring within these security zones is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port San Francisco Bay or his or her designated representative. The following is a current listing of security zones within the San Francisco Bay Area.

Authority

All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. Patrol personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels. Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

Penalties

Violations of any security zone or U.S. Naval Vessel Protection Zone are felony offenses, punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to \$250,000 in fines (criminal penalties) or \$32,500 in fines (civil penalties).

Actions - Security Zone

Persons desiring to transit the area of a security zone may contact the Coast Guard Captain of the Port at telephone number 415-399-3547 or on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

Violation Notification

Coast Guard or other law enforcement agencies may contact you on VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) and instruct you to move your vessel away from a security zone that you may have mistakenly wandered into. Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed. Please comply and state your corrective actions to them via VHF channel 16 (156.8 MHz) or contact the Coast Guard Captain of the Port at telephone number 415-399-3547. It is always a good idea to monitor VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) whenever boating on the waterways.

Coast Guard Island

The security zone encompasses the waters surrounding the pier and extends out to the edge of the channel.



Bridges

A 25-yard security zone is in place around all bridge abutments and piers for both the Golden Gate Bridge and the Oakland Bay Bridge.



Airports

These security zones, marked by buoys, encompass 200 yards around the San Francisco (SFO) and Oakland (OAK) International Airports in the navigable waters of SF Bay.



Cruise Ships, Tanks Vessels & High Interest Vessels

A 100-yard security zone is in place surrounding all cruise ships, tank vessels, and any other vessel that the U.S. Coast Guard has determined to be a High Interest Vessel (HIV) within San Francisco Bay, Monterey Bay and Humboldt Bay.

MOTCO

(Military Ocean Terminal Concord, formerly called Naval Weapons Station Concord)

The Security Zone encompasses the waters 500 yards around the existing 3 piers, and any or all of the pier security zones can be activated.



Naval Vessels

A security zone is in place around all U.S. Naval Vessels greater than 100-feet in length. This permanent protection zone extends 500-yards around all Naval Vessels and any vessels under contract with the Navy. All mariners must operate at minimum speed necessary and must stay out of the way. Military action will be taken if any mariner gets within 100 yards of any Naval Vessel.



Actions - Naval Vessels

When within the 500 yard slow zone all vessels shall proceed as directed by the Coast Guard, the senior naval officer present in command, or the official patrol. No vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel unless authorized by the Coast Guard, the senior naval officer present in command, or official patrol. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules, you must contact the U.S. naval vessel or the Coast Guard escort vessel on VHF-FM Channel 16 (if unable to use VHF-FM channel 16, you can contact the Coast Guard Captain of the Port at 415-399-3547).

Additional Restricted Areas

In addition to the Security Zones established by the Coast Guard, there are Army Corps of Engineers Restricted Areas around the the Coast Guard Base on the east side of Yerba Buena Island, and 500 feet around the MARAD fleet in Suisun Bay.



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