



## HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF HUNTINGTON HARBOUR

Huntington Harbour is located in the northwest area of the City of Huntington Beach, Orange County, California, and includes approximately 7,000 residents. It is one of the largest residential harbors in California. Encompassing 1.4 square miles, this area includes six islands (five man-made) and waterways, which are used for boating and other recreational uses. The man-made islands include Admiralty, Davenport, Gilbert, Humboldt and Trinidad. Sunset Island was naturally formed.

The Harbour was developed during the mid-1960's, and the total cost of construction was approximately \$200 million. The area was formerly referred to as the *Sunset Bay Estuary*. To the north of the Harbour is the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station and to the south is the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.



Huntington Harbour also includes four public beaches, two public launch ramps, a fire station, a marine safety rescue boat operations station, and the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club. The Yacht Club was incorporated in 1965. Since its inception it has provided a community education sailing program, with several youth programs, which train young sailors in the club's sailing school.

Although the Harbour is predominantly residential with more than 500 bayfront homes and over 3,000 private boat slips, it has become increasingly popular among recreational users. Popular recreational activities include kayaking, fishing, sailing, stand-up paddle-boarding and sunset boat cruises. Because the Harbour is relatively shallow (15-20 feet deep), it is usually three to four degrees warmer than the ocean during the summer and three to four degrees colder during winter. Summer Harbour temperatures average 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Harbour is patrolled by the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Marine Safety Division of the Huntington Beach Fire Department. Police, fire and other municipal services are provided by the City of Huntington Beach.

Although Huntington Harbour is mostly residential, there is a shopping center on Algonquin Street, named the *Huntington Harbour Mall*. Other commercial areas include various business establishments in Sunset Beach and Peter's Landing, located at 16400 Pacific Coast Highway. Peter's Landing was established in 1979 and includes retail and office spaces.

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