# California Maritime Tsunami Response Playbook And Mitigation Guidance

# Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point Harbor – San Mateo County

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(For the expanded Playbook format, use directions on page 7)



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### DURING AN EMERGENCY, USE THE "QUICK REFERENCE" ON PAGE 22 FOR GATHERING INFORMATION FOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.

<u>PURPOSE:</u> This Maritime Tsunami Response Playbook Guidance document will help members of the maritime community prepare, plan, and respond to strong currents and damage from future tsunamis. It has been developed with assistance from the maritime communities by the California Tsunami Program and principle funding from FEMA. <u>It is essential that harbor staff become familiar with this Playbook guidance document before use.</u> The information within the Playbook can also help the harbor develop and implement tsunami mitigation strategies through their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and receive potential mitigation funding if needed.

<u>USE</u>: This Playbook is primarily designed to help the maritime communities with tsunami response activities by providing detailed information about potential tsunami scenarios which can be used during an event.

Once this Playbook guidance document is received, maritime communities should review the document and develop response plans for each of the scenarios in the Playbook. The California Tsunami Program will work with the maritime communities to assist in developing these plans if requested. Maritime communities should exercise the Playbook approach on a regular basis to ensure it is understood by all emergency responders so that the plan works during an emergency.

When a tsunami is occurring, follow the steps outlined in either the Quick Reference guideline on the last page (Page 22) if the user is not as familiar with the Playbooks, or the Expanded Reference guideline on Page 7 if the user wants more detailed information. The harbormaster or emergency manager should fill out information about the source earthquake and tsunami; this information can be obtained from multiple sources, including the tsunami alert message from the National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) in Alaska, the city or county emergency manager, and/or the National Weather Service, Local Weather Forecast Office. Keep in mind that this information can change during the first hour or two after the earthquake occurs. Compare the tsunami forecast amplitude (wave height) to the maximum tsunami amplitude on the scenario table on Page 7 or 22. Choose the scenario (Pages 8-17) which best matches the forecast information. Follow the instructions on the page for that scenario. Each scenario Playbook may be accompanied by a digital file indicating the response and evacuation plans; this can be shared during an emergency with emergency responders in the field.

### **MITIGATION PLANNING**

In addition to using these Playbooks for tsunami response, the California Tsunami Program, FEMA, and its partners encourage maritime communities to utilize this information to help mitigate damages and loss of life from future tsunamis. These products and plans should be used by maritime communities to pre-identify real-time response mitigation measures, determine where infrastructure enhancements should be initiated, and provide a mechanism for pre-disaster hazard mitigation funding through additions to their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (see the list of potential mitigation measures below). Although these products, plans, and related mitigation efforts will not eliminate all casualties and damages from future tsunamis, they will provide a basis for greatly reducing future tsunami impacts on life-safety, infrastructure, and recovery in California maritime communities. Therefore, we recommend the following steps/actions:

- 1. Review the maps within this Playbook guidance document to identify where strong currents could potentially damage docks, structures, and/or infrastructure, especially where aging or run-down facilities exist.
- 2. Review the Mitigation Measures below for both real-time response actions, or "soft" mitigation, or permanent measures, or "hard" mitigation.
- 3. <u>Incorporate these measures/actions into the community Local Hazard Mitigation</u>
  <u>Plan, and work with the community, the state tsunami program, and/or FEMA to develop a strategy to request funding to implement these improvements.</u>

### Mitigation Measures for Reducing Impacts in Maritime Communities

#### Real-time response ("soft") mitigation measures

Reposition ships within harbor Move boats and ships out of harbors Remove small boats/assets from water Shut down infrastructure before tsunami arrives Evacuate public/vehicles from water-front areas Restrict boats from moving during tsunami Prevent boats from entering harbor during event Secure boat/ship moorings Personal flotation devices/vests for harbor staff Remove hazardous materials away from water Remove buoyant assets away from water Stage emergency equipment outside affected area Activate Mutual Aid System as necessary Activate of Incident Command at evacuation sites Alert key first responders at local level Restrict traffic entering harbor; aid traffic evacuating Identify/Assign rescue, survey, and salvage personnel Identify boat owners/live-aboards; establish phone tree, or other notification process

#### Permanent ("hard") mitigation measures

Increase size and stability of dock piles

Fortify and armor breakwaters Improve flotation portions of docks Increase flexibility of interconnected docks Improve movement along dock/pile connections Increase height of piles to prevent overtopping Deepen/Dredge channels near high hazard zones Move docks/assets away from high hazard zones Widen size of harbor entrance to prevent jetting Reduce exposure of petroleum/chemical facilities Strengthen boat/ship moorings Construct flood gates Prevent uplift of wharfs by stabilizing platform Install debris deflection booms to protect docks Ensure harbor structures are tsunami resistant Construct breakwaters further away from harbor **Install Tsunami Warning Signs** Identify equipment/assets (patrol/tug/fire boats, cranes, etc.) to assist response activities

There are a number of **TSUNAMI HAZARDS** that could directly affect boats/boaters:

- Sudden water-level fluctuations where docks and boats:
  - Hit bottom (grounded) as water level drops
  - Could overtop piles as water level rises
- Strong and unpredictable currents, especially where there are narrow entrances, narrow openings, and other narrow parts of harbor
- Tsunami bores and amplified waves resulting in swamping of boats and damage to docks
- Eddies/whirlpools causing boats to lose control
- Drag on deep draught boats causing damaging forces to the docks they are moored to
- Collision with other boats, docks, and debris in the water
- Dangerous tsunami conditions can last tens of hours after first wave arrival, causing problems for inexperienced and unprepared boaters who take their boats offshore

<u>Tsunami Alert Bulletins</u>: During tsunami alerts, the National Tsunami Warning Center provides information about the tsunami in "bulletins" to the state and local jurisdictions. There are four levels of "alert" that can be sent by the NTWC (from least to greatest significance; <a href="http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/">http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/</a>):

**Tsunami Information Statement** - Issued to inform and update emergency managers and the public that an earthquake has occurred, or that a tsunami Watch, Advisory or Warning has been issued elsewhere in the ocean.

**Tsunami Watch** - Issued to alert emergency managers and the public of an event which may later impact the Watch area coastline. May be upgraded to an Advisory or Warning - or canceled - based on updated information and analysis.

**Tsunami Advisory** - Issued due to the threat of a tsunami which may produce strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or near the water; typically called when forecasted tsunami amplitudes are between 0.3m and 1m (1ft and 3ft) above existing tidal conditions are expected. Coastal communities are advised that beach and harbor areas could expect rapid, moderate tidal changes and strong currents.

**Tsunami Warning** - Issued when a tsunami with significant widespread inundation is imminent or expected; typically called when forecasted tsunami amplitudes are equal to or greater than 1m (3ft). Coastal communities are advised to evacuate people from low-lying areas identified as vulnerable to tsunamis.

#### **ACTIONABLE TSUNAMI ALERT LEVELS**

Tsunami <u>Advisories</u> and <u>Warnings</u> are the two <u>actionable</u> Alert levels for maritime communities.

Actions taken will depend on the Alert level and the forecasted tsunami wave height or amplitude for a particular harbor. For both Advisory and Warning level events, it is important that clear and consistent directions are provided to the entire boating community and waterfront or pier businesses.

If there is not sufficient time to use the Playbooks, consider the following general actions for your maritime communities for either Advisory or Warning level events:

#### **GENERAL "WARNING" LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

All activities below should be completed no later than <u>30 minutes</u> before forecasted tsunami arrival.

- Advise facility maintenance to shut off fuel to fuel docks, and all electrical and water services to all docks.
- Secure and strengthen all mooring lines throughout harbor, specifically areas near the entrance or narrow constrictions.
- Evacuate the public and harbor personnel from all structures and vessels in the water, as well as all land-ward areas identified in the mapped tsunami evacuation area (last page).
- Do not allow public to re-enter tsunami evacuation area until an official "all clear" message is provided by local emergency managers.
- Follow instructions for an Advisory if Warning is downgraded to Advisory level.

#### **GENERAL "ADVISORY" LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

All activities below should be completed no later than <u>30 minutes</u> before forecasted tsunami arrival.

- Advise facility maintenance to shut off fuel to fuel docks, and all electrical and water services to all docks.
- Secure and strengthen all mooring lines throughout harbor, specifically areas near the entrance or narrow constrictions.
- Evacuate the public from all structures and vessels in the water.
- Coordinate with local law enforcement to limit access of public along waterfront areas.
- While the tsunami is active, all personnel working on or near the water should wear personal flotation devices.
- Do not allow public to re-enter structures and vessels in the water until and official "all clear" message is provided by local emergency managers.

### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FORECAST TSUNAMI AMPLITUDE/WAVE HEIGHT AND FASTER TSUNAMI FLOOD HEIGHT

Forecast Tsunami Amplitude/Wave Height: Within the first couple hours after an earthquake and the generation of a tsunami, the National Tsunami Warning Center will provide an estimate, or forecast, of the potential amplitude/wave height of the tsunami for over 50 locations along the California coast. This amplitude is the height of the tsunami above existing ocean conditions and helps determine the official Tsunami Alert level for each region. For the purposes of the Playbook, the forecast tsunami amplitude is used on the page 7 or 22 "Response Reference" to determine which Maritime Playbook Response Plan is appropriate to use.

**FASTER Analytical Tool**: To determine the full impact of tsunami inundation, other variables such as tidal and storm conditions must be considered. An analytical method has been created which incorporates important variables that will impact the ultimate tsunami flood level. The simplified components of the calculation are shown to the right. **The FASTER calculation, which will be** provided by the local jurisdiction or the regional NOAA NWS Weather Forecast Office to the harbor during a tsunami event, is used on Page 7 to determine if piles will be overtopped and inundation of dry land will occur.

Working example: Formula for determining playbook evacuation line to use (FA-S-T-E-R):

FA: Forecasted Amplitude (Wave Height) from

Warning Center

S: Storm surge or existing ocean conditions

T: Maximum tidal height (first 5 hours of tsunami)

E: Forecast error potential (30%; analysis of 2010-11 events)

R: Site amplified <u>run-up</u> potential (from existing modeling, unique to each location; applied if inundation expected)

= Maximum tsunami run-up height

= Playbook elevation line

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TSUNAMI CURRENT SPEED AND HARBOR DAMAGE: Analysis of recent tsunami damage indicates a relationship between current speed and harbor damage. The Damage Index (from Lynett and others, 2013) to the right has been used to determine the following relationship (see color codes here for blue, yellow, and red areas and on current threshold maps):

#### **CURRENTS = DAMAGE**

0-3 knots = No Damage

3-6 knots = Minor/Moderate Damage

6-9 knots = Moderate/Major Damage

>9 knots = Major/Complete Damage

Damage Index:	Damage Type:					
0	no damage					
1	small buoys moved					
2	1-2 docks/small boats damaged, large buoys moved					
3	Moderate dock/boat damage, mid-sized vessels off moorings					
4	Major dock/boat damage, large vessels off moorings					
5	Complete destruction					

# **Expanded Reference Information for Determining Real-Time Maritime Response Activities**

NOTE: It is important to review all sections of this Playbook prior to using it during a tsunami emergency. When a tsunami alert is issued by the National Tsunami Warning Center, fill out the Expanded Reference page below under Step 1. The State/NOAA will recommend a MINIMUM Playbook Response Plan for each maritime communities, and a FASTER number to determine the potential for piles to be overtopped during the tsunami.

<b>Step 1:</b> Obtain information about earthquake and	tsunami fı	rom National Tsunami Warning						
Center in Alaska, regional NOAA-Weather Forecast O	ffice, and/	or county and state emergency						
managers. (e.g. <u>www.tsunami.gov</u> )								
Earthquake location								
Earthquake magnitude								
Tsunami Alert level (circle one) WATCH A	DVISORY	WARNING						
Forecasted tsunami amplitude/wave height (this will be compared with								
Peak Amplitude in Step 2)								
Forecasted tsunami arrival time								
Calculate/obtain FASTER tsunami run-up value in first	5 hours: _							
Calculate/obtain FASTER tsunami run-up value at high	nest tide _							
Height of shortest pilings above Mean Sea Level:								
Elevation of lowest land above Mean Sea Level:								
Compare FASTER value to pile heights and lowest land to	determine	e if they will be overtopped.						

**Step 2:** Compare and match forecasted tsunami amplitude/wave height in Step 1 to "Peak Amplitude" in the table below (red box). Refer to associated Playbook page to determine actions for securing vessels and/or repositioning ships away from areas of expected damage to safe areas within the bay or offshore (Pg. 20).

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Reference Pages for Details in Maritime Playbook	Scenario Playbook Plan Letter	Historical Events and Modeled Scenarios	Earthquake Magnitude and Source Location	Peak Amplitude near harbor (in meters, above existing conditions near harbor entrance)	Likely Tsunami Alert level	Tsunami condition Alert (during modeling		Damage Summary
	(No action)	2009	8.0 Samoa	< 0.2	Advisory	High		No damage or activity
Page 8-9	Α	2010	8.8 Chile	0.6	Advisory	Low	6	No damage reported
Page 10-11	В	Modeled Scenario	9.0 Cascadia	1.0	Warning	High	9	
Page 12-13	С	Modeled Scenario	9.4 North Chile	1.2	Warning	High	10	
Page 14-15	D	2011	9.0 Japan	1.5	Warning	Low	12	Minor damage; floats moved; abalone raft detached
Page 16-17	E	Modeled Scenario	9.2 Aleutians	5+	Warning	High	16+	

### Playbook Plan A

(based on 2010 M8.8 Chile Event)

### **Background Information:**

Alert level = Advisory

Peak Amplitude =0.6 meters

Peak Velocity = 6 knots

Projected duration of strong currents (see location map below):

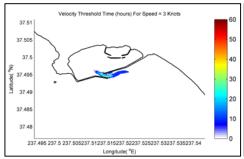
3-6 knots = 20 hrs; 6-9 knots = 5 hrs; >9 knots = 0 hrs

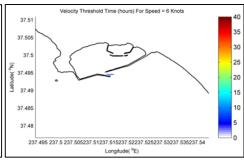
### **Specific Instructions:**

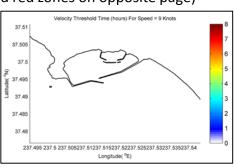
- Follow general guidance for Advisory-level tsunamis (Page 5)
- Strong currents and potential scour are expected in areas identified in blue or yellow on the map to the right. Consider relocating vessels located within 100 meters (300 feet) of these areas.
- Specific areas where vessels should be relocated and docks secured:
  - Vessels can be moved to non-blue areas of the harbor.
  - ..... (completed with maritime community input)

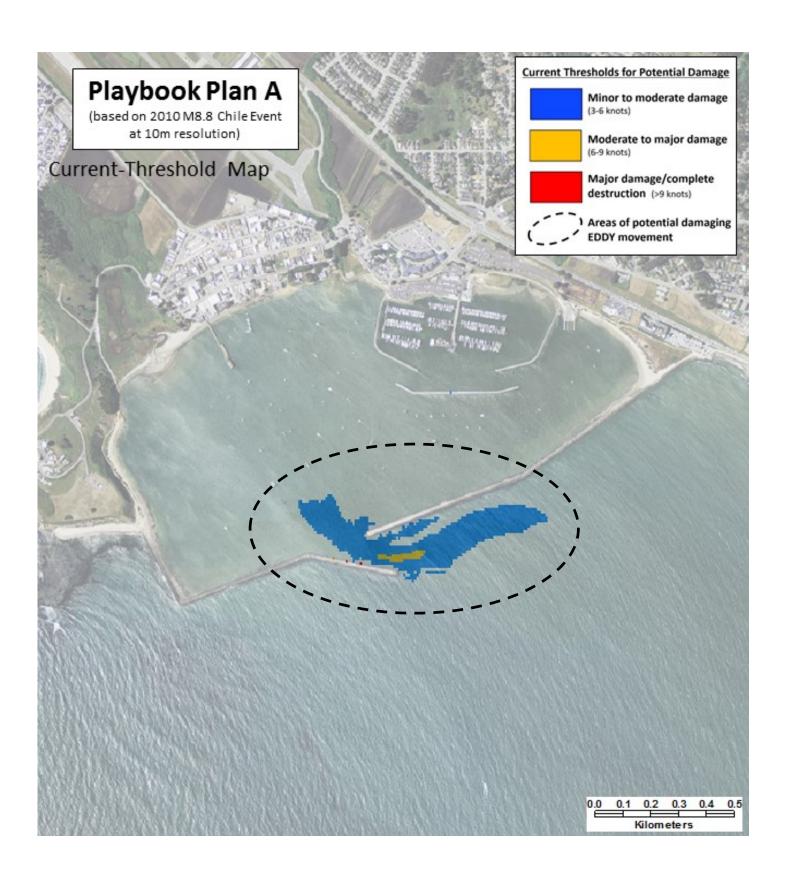
Safe areas for repositioning vessels within Pillar Point Harbor:

..... (completed with maritime community input)









### Playbook Plan B

(based on M9 Cascadia Scenario)

### **Background Information:**

Alert level = Warning

Peak Amplitude = 1.0 meters

Peak Velocity = 9 knots

Projected duration of strong currents (see location map below):

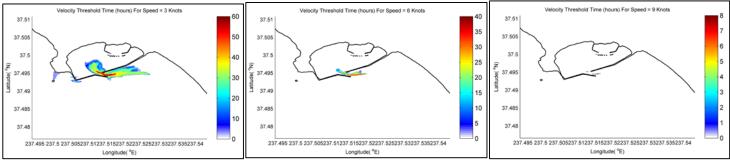
3-6 knots = 40 hrs; 6-9 knots = 20 hrs; >9 knots = 2 hrs

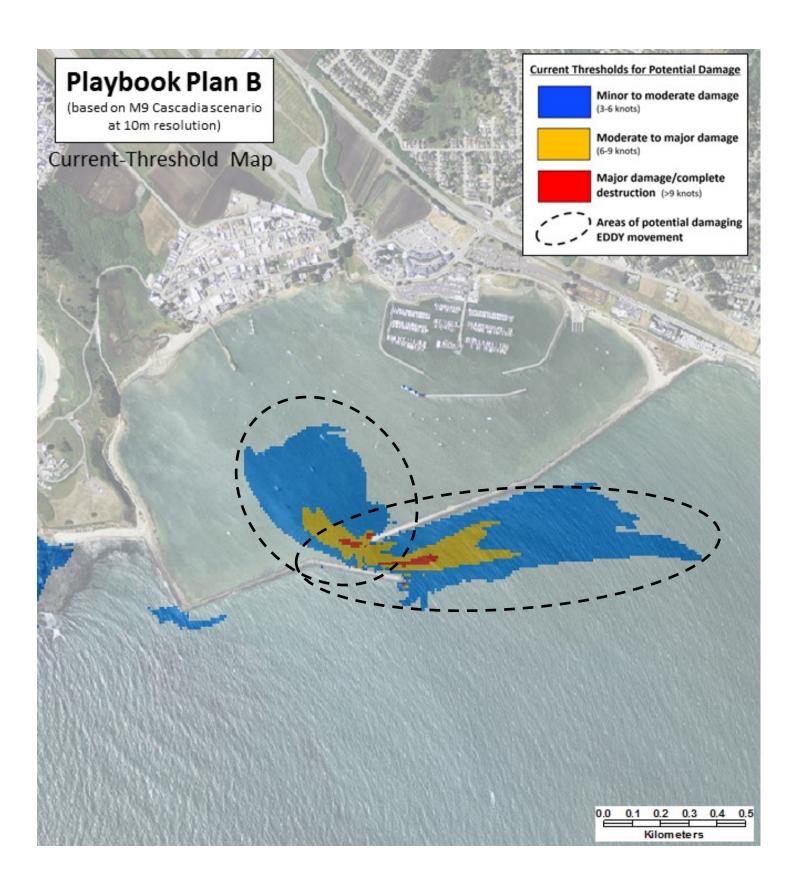
### **Specific Instructions:**

- Follow general guidance for Warning-level tsunamis (Page 5)
- Inundation of dry land may occur in this scenario
- Strong currents and potential scour are expected in areas identified in blue-yellow-red on the map to the right. Consider relocating vessels located within 100 meters (300 feet) of these areas.
- Specific areas where vessels should be relocated and docks secured:
  - Vessels can be moved to non-blue areas of the harbor.
  - .... (completed with maritime community input)

Safe areas for repositioning vessels within Pillar Point Harbor:

..... (completed with maritime community input)





### Playbook Plan C

(based on M9.4 Northern Chile Scenario)

### **Background Information:**

Alert level = Warning

Peak Amplitude = 1.2 meters

Peak Velocity = 10 knots

Projected duration of strong currents (see location map below):

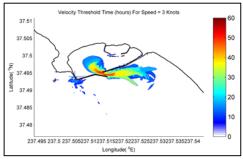
3-6 knots = 45 hrs; 6-9 knots = 25 hrs; >9 knots = 5 hrs

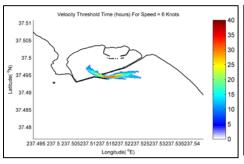
### **Specific Instructions:**

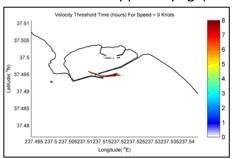
- Follow general guidance for Warning-level tsunamis (Page 5)
- Inundation of dry land may occur in this scenario
- Strong currents and potential scour are expected in areas identified in blueyellow-red on the map to the right. Consider relocating vessels located within 100 meters (300 feet) of these areas.
- Specific areas where vessels should be relocated from and docks secured:
  - Vessels can be moved to non-blue areas of the harbor.
  - ..... (completed with maritime community input)

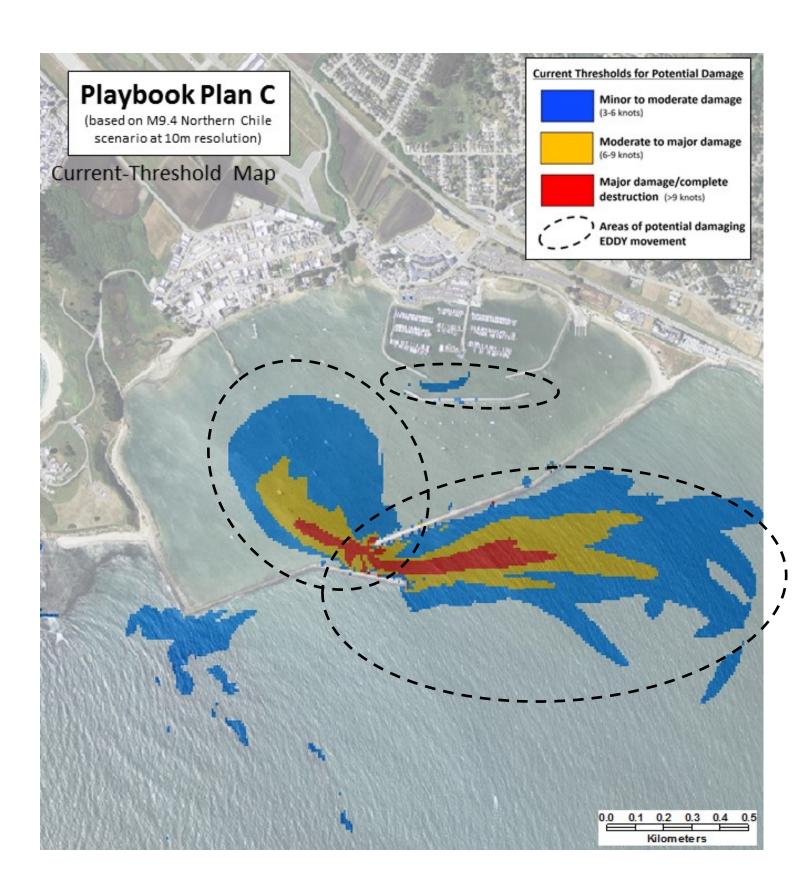
### Safe areas for repositioning vessels within Pillar Point Harbor:

.....(completed with maritime community input)









### Playbook Plan D

(based on 2011 M9 Japan Event)

### **Background Information:**

Alert level = Warning

Peak Amplitude = 1.5 meters

Peak Velocity = 12 knots

Projected duration of strong currents (see location maps below):

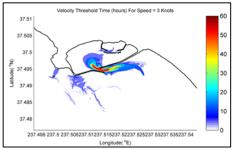
3-6 knots = 50 hrs; 6-9 knots = 30 hrs; >9 knots = 8 hrs

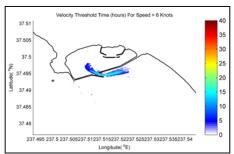
### **Specific Instructions:**

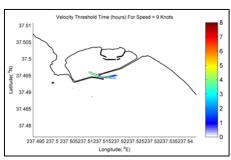
- Follow general guidance for Warning-level tsunamis (Page 5)
- Inundation of dry land may occur in this scenario
- Strong currents and potential scour are expected in areas identified in blue yellow-red on the map to the right. Consider relocating vessels located within 100 meters (300 feet) of these areas.
- Specific areas where vessels should be relocated from and docks secured: (completed with maritime community input)

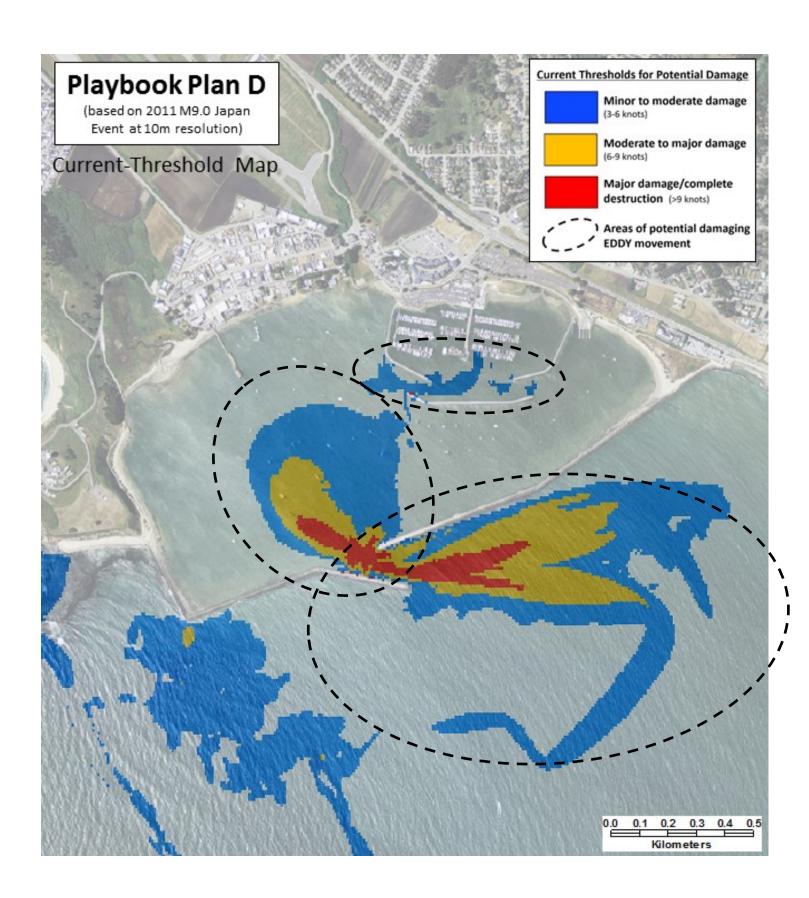
Safe areas for repositioning vessels within Pillar Point Harbor:

(completed with maritime community input)









### Playbook Plan E

### (based on M9.2 Eastern Aleutian-Alaska Scenario)

### **Background Information:**

Alert level = Warning

Peak Amplitude = 5+ meters

Peak Velocity = 16+ knots

Projected duration of strong currents (see location maps below):

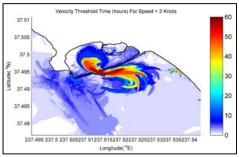
3-6 knots = 60+ hrs; 6-9 knots = 40+ hrs; >9 knots = 10 hrs

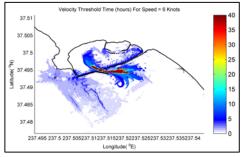
### **Specific Instructions:**

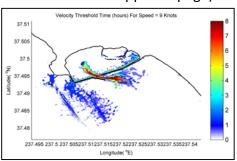
- Follow general guidance for Warning-level tsunamis (Page 5)
- Inundation of dry land will likely occur in this scenario
- Strong currents and potential scour are expected in areas identified in blue yellow-red on the map to the right. Consider relocating vessels located within 100 meters (300 feet) of these areas.
- Specific areas where vessels should be relocated from and docks secured:
   None (completed with maritime community input)

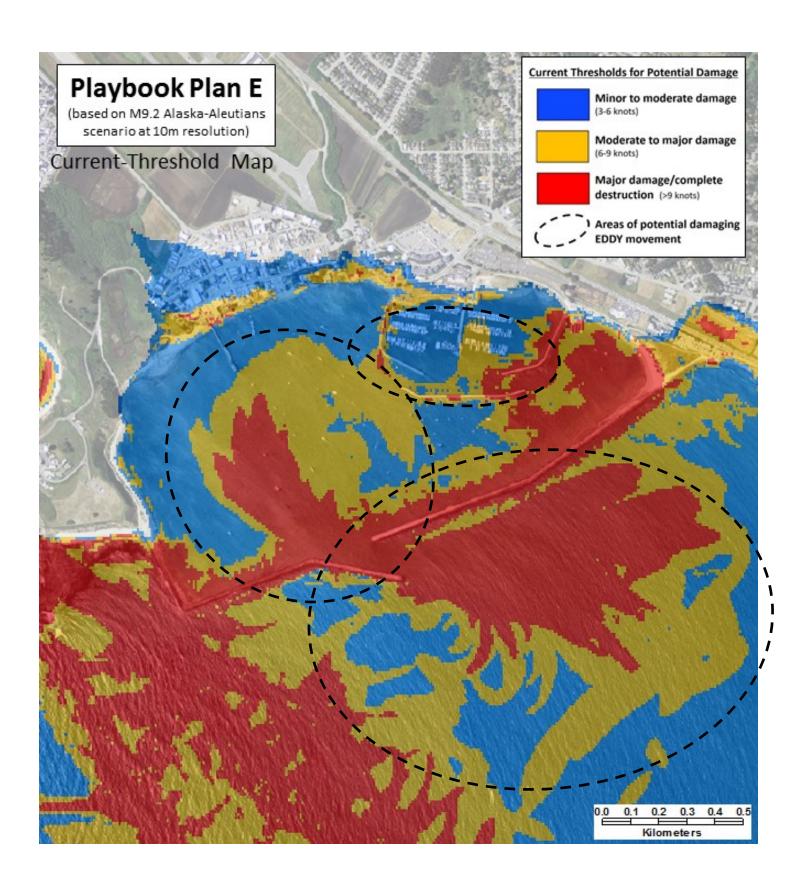
<u>Safe areas for repositioning vessels within Pillar Point Harbor: None (wide-spread inundation likely to occur)</u>

(completed with maritime community input)









**Notable Historical Tsunamis**: The following table provides very basic information about historical tsunami events; not all tsunamis are represented, especially minor or small tsunamis. Note that the largest, most damaging tsunamis in San Mateo County history have come from large earthquakes in the Alaska-Aleutian Islands region as distant tsunami sources and a local offshore fault as a local source. Although the potential for local tsunamis exists, they are much less frequent than distant source tsunamis.

### Notable Historical Tsunamis in the San Mateo County

Run-up amplitude, in feet, above normal tide conditions

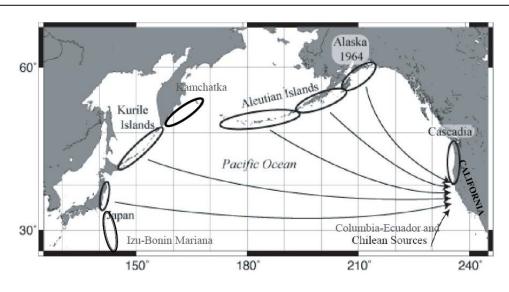
OBS = observed tsunami activity NR = No damage or severe conditions reported

- Distant Source -Tsunamis without felt earthquakes

- Local Source -Earthquake and tsunami together

NOTE: Tsunami data for San Francisco is also provided to show a more complete picture of historical impacts.

Date	Magnitude-Source area	Tsunami location	Run- Up/Amp	Remarks
10/21/1868	M6.8 - Hayward Fault (possible submarine/subaerial landslide)	SF-Cliff House	OBS	"decided commotion in the oceanwave sent inland"
		SF-Presidio	1 ft	NR
4/1/1946	M8.8 – Aleutian Islands	Pacifica	OBS	Local inundation reported
		Half Moon Bay	10 ft	lundation 1000 ft inland; damage to homes/docks
	Ma 5 (1.7)	San Francisco	2 ft	San Francisco ferry service disrupted by a current "running like the Mississippi River"
5/22/1960	M9.5 - Chile	Pacifica	4 ft	NR
		Half Moon Bay	10 ft	Damage to boats and minor inundation
		San Francisco	4 ft	NR
3/28/1964	M9.2 - Alaska	Pacifica	5 ft	Minor inundation on beach
3/20/1904	IVI3.2 - Aldaka	Half Moon Bay	5 ft	Damage to boats; one boat sunk
		Martins Beach	10 ft	NR
2/27/2010	M8.8 – Chile	San Francisco	1 ft	NR
2/27/2010	Wo.a - Chile	Half Moon Bay	2 ft	NR
		San Francisco	2 ft	Two piles broken; boats heeled over
3/11/2011	MO O Janan	Pacifica	3 ft	NR
3/11/2011	M9.0 - Japan	Half Moon Bay	2 ft	Minor damage to docks
		Redwood City	1 ft	NR

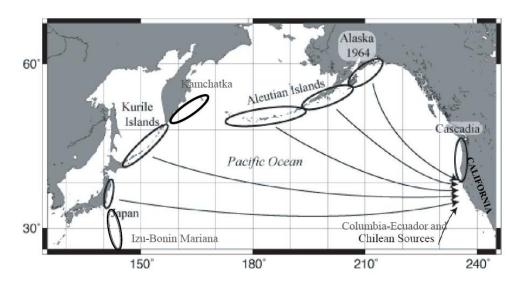


Modeled Tsunami Scenarios: Because very large tsunamis are infrequent and the likelihood that the largest potential tsunamis have not yet occurred in San Mateo County, the state tsunami program developed a suite of maximum credible tsunami scenarios as part of their tsunami inundation mapping project for local evacuation planning. The general tsunami wave height for key locations from these scenarios are provided below. As identified in the historical tsunami table, the largest tsunamis could occur from large earthquakes in the Alaska-Aleutian Islands region, or from a local fault offshore.

### Tsunami Source Scenario Model Results for San Mateo County

Near shore tsunami heights (flow depths) for both local and distant source scenarios, in FEET above Mean Sea Level. NOTE: The projections do not include any adjustments for ambient conditions, such as storm surge and tidal fluctuations, and model error (it is very important to note this difference, as those numbers can increase the projected water height during an event).

	TSUNAMI SOURCES	Approximate Travel Time	Daly City	Pacifica	Montar	Half Moon Bay	Martins Beach	San Gregorio	Pescadero	Ano Nuevo	Brisbane	San Francisco South	Millbrae	Burlingame	San Mateo	Foster City	Redwood City	Menlo Park
Local	M7.3 Point Reyes Thrust Fault	10-15min	5	8	7	7					3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
Sources	M6.6 Rodgers Creek-Hayward Fault	10-40min	2	2							2	2						
	M7.1 San Gregorio Fault	10-15min	5	4							3	3						
	M9 Cascadia-full rupture	1hr	4	4							3	2						
	M9.2 Alaska 1964 EQ	5hr	12	13			12	10	9	9	4	4						
	M8.9 Central Aleutians I	5hr	9	9	8	11	11	10	9	10	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	3
Distant	M8.9 Central Aleutians II	5hr	5	5							3	3						
Sources	M9.2 Central Aleutians III	5hr	22	18	16	28	24	22	19	16	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	3
	M8.8 Kuril Islands II	9hr	3	3							2	2						
	M8.8 Kuril Islands III	9hr	4	4							3	2						
	M8.8 Kuril Islands IV	9hr	4	4							3	2						
	M8.8 Japan II	10hr	4	5							3	2						
	M8.6 Marianas Trench	11hr	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	M9.5 Chile 1960 EQ	13hr	5	6							3	2						
	M9.4 Chile North	13hr	6	5							3	3						
	Maximum Runup - Local Sou	ırce	7	9	8	9					3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
	Maximum Runup - Distant Source			21	20	32	25	26	22	21	6	6	5	5	5	4	4	3

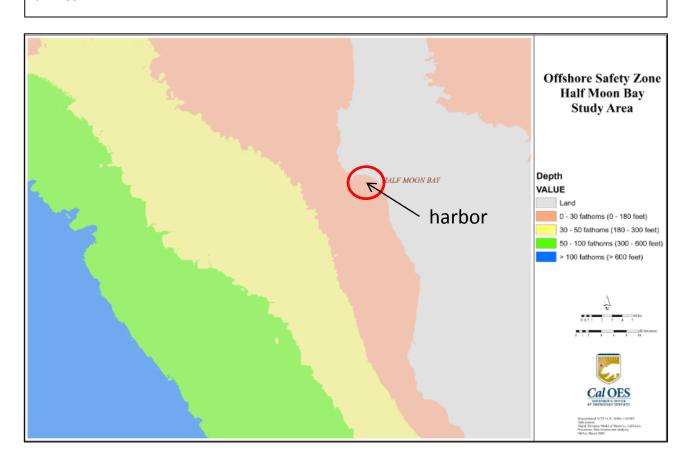


### PLAN FOR OFFSHORE EVACUATION OF BOATS

### NOTE: The safety of the boating public should outweigh the benefit of saving boats and harbor property during a tsunami.

- For most harbors in California, it is safer to keep boats docked during a tsunami because most tsunamis are relatively small.
- On the rare occasion when a large, damaging tsunami and associated strong currents are expected and there are no safe areas within the harbor, the boat owner may be considering taking their boat offshore.
- There are a number of factors that should be considered prior to recommending boats evacuate offshore prior to the arrival of the tsunamis, including:
  - (1) the SIZE of the tsunami;
  - (2) is there sufficient TIME to get to the <u>30 fathom depth (180 feet)</u>, which has been evaluated as safe depth for boats during distant source tsunamis (map below);
  - (3) the PREPAREDNESS of the boat and its captain to stay at sea over 24 hours;
  - (4) the WEATHER at sea could be as dangerous as the tsunami itself; and,
  - (5) if significant damage occurs within the harbor, boaters should have enough fuel and supplies to travel to a non-damaged harbor.

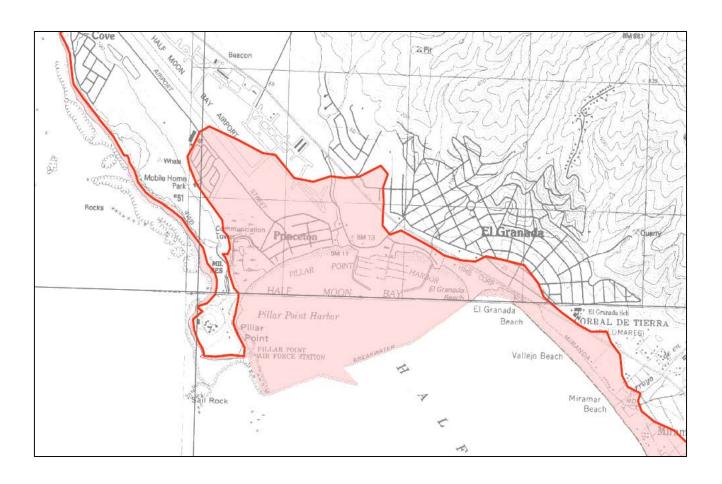
Note for trailer boat owners: Expect congested boat ramps and remember that you have to get your boat to the trailer, out of the water, and out of the tsunami zone before the tsunami arrives.



#### TSUNAMI INUNDATION MAP FOR THE HALF MOON BAY AREA

This tsunami inundation map was prepared to assist cities and counties in identifying their tsunami hazard. It is intended for local jurisdictional, coastal evacuation planning uses. The red area represents the maximum considered tsunami inundation from a number of extreme, yet realistic, tsunami sources. In other words, people within the red-colored zones could get wet; people uphill or inland from these areas should be safe during any tsunami. This map, or the local tsunami evacuation map/plan, should be used for evacuation from a Warning-level tsunami event unless otherwise directed by local emergency management officials.

For digital copies of tsunami inundation maps for other portions of California, visit <a href="http://www.tsunami.ca.gov">http://www.tsunami.ca.gov</a>



### **APPENDIX**

## Quick Reference Page for Determining Real-Time Maritime Tsunami Response Activities

Step 1: Obtain basic information about the earthquake and tsunami from National Tsunami Warning Center in Alaska, regional National Weather Service office, and/or county emergency manager. NOTE: Tsunami Alert Level may change in first couple hours after the earthquake; WATCH may be upgraded to ADVISORY or WARNING.

Earthquake location \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Earthquake magnitude \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tsunami Alert level (circle one) WATCH ADVISORY WARNING

Closest forecasted tsunami amplitude/wave height \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2:** Tsunami evacuation and response will depend on the amount of time before the tsunami arrival. Four (4) hours is considered the threshold time needed for evacuation. As a quick reference, we offer the following guidance:

- 1) If less than four hours before tsunami arrival, we recommend the following:
  - ADVISORY evacuate beaches, harbor docks, and piers
  - WARNING evacuate entire maximum on-land evacuation zone, or follow guidance provided by local emergency manager
- 2) If greater than four hours before tsunami arrival, and your harbor has fully developed its tsunami response Playbook plans, the harbor can utilize the FORECAST AMPLITUDE from Step 1 on the table on the right to identify the appropriate response plan to use.

Reference Pages for Details in Maritime Playbook	Scenario Playbook Plan Letter	Peak Amplitude near harbor (in meters, above existing conditions near harbor entrance)
	(No action)	< 0.2
Page 8-9	Α	0.6
Page 10-11	В	1.0
Page 12-13	С	1.2
Page 14-15	D	1.5
Page 16-17	E	5+