



# Annual REPORT TO COMMUNITY

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## Port Ship Traffic Increases Sparked by Record Exports to Asia

Despite a generally slow global economic recovery, ship traffic increased at the Port of Redwood City during the last fiscal year. Ocean going ships were seen being loaded with recycled scrap metal, which was the Port's largest commodity by tonnage. These ships are bound for steel mills in China, Korea, Japan, and other destinations in Asia. Also inbound ships and barges brought construction aggregates and other materials for the building industry into the region.

**Sparked by record exports** of scrap metal, cargo tonnage for the fiscal year 2010-2011 was 871,940 metric tons, up 3.5 percent over the prior year. The number of ships increased 10 percent to 36 this year.

As the effects of climate change are being recognized, and organizations around the world try to reduce the

impact of their operations on the environment, the Port of Redwood City has already spent years working with our customers who are developing and investing in sustainable operations and development.

Recycling is one of the best and most effective means of reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions. It also preserves scarce natural resources, saves water and reduces pollution and our dependence on landfill. This has helped the **Port to emerge as one of our region's truly green organizations.** Sims Metals

Management exported a record 445,000 metric



*The ship Assante receives recycled metal for export*

tons of recycled metal from the Port. Port management credited Sims' record to strong demand abroad for scrap metal, the company's expanded staging area at the Port, and the fact that scrap now arrives by both truck and rail. *(Please continue next page)*

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## Port Ship Traffic Increases...

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This broadens the area from which Sims can receive scrap metal from many sources, including old vehicles.

Port revenue was essentially flat over the past two years. However, the Port remains profitable and has prudently saved funds for planned capital projects while continuing to provide funds to the City of Redwood City. The Port is an enterprise department of the City of Redwood City established by City Charter. **The Port is wholly supported by its own revenue and receives no tax funds.** The Port provides services and maintains facilities for use by a wide variety of businesses, stimulating private job creation and waterborne commerce while protecting the quality of life, the environment, and the recreational needs of area residents.

**Here are highlights** of just some of the recent projects and activities taking place at the port.

### Wharves 1&2 Redevelopment Project

- Completed the environmental studies/EIR including public review and hearing.
- Selected Ben Gerwick, Inc., to finalize design and engineering and to serve as project engineer.
- Began to organize a financial team to do a financing plan and issue revenue bonds.



*The Port plans to improve its wharves; overview of Sims' operation*



*Improved rail service helped boost Sims' record*

### Marine Highways

- Developed a proposal for a Golden State Marine Highway and received federal designation as a MH “initiative,” which resulted in a \$275,000 study by the US Maritime Administration. The goal of the nationwide effort is to identify waterborne routes to relieve landside corridors that suffer from traffic congestion.

### Port Security and Infrastructure Improvements

- Using primarily federal and state security grant funds, “hard wired” the Port with fiber optic cable and installed new security lighting and closed circuit TV systems.
- Initiated the development of a “virtual Port” that will provide GIS mapping and survey of Port facilities that will be accessed and saved electronically.
- Completed new multi-agency boat launch ramp dock and assisted the Redwood City Fire Department with obtaining a \$1.1 million grant for a new fire boat.

### Channel Maintenance Dredging and Bair Island Marsh Restoration

- Continued to work with the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the City, and other stakeholders to find alternative ways to expand beneficial use of dredged material on Bair Island.
- Began looking for other sites in the South Bay for beneficial use of dredged materials through participation in the Corps' dredged material management plan.
- Worked with our federal representative and the Corps of Engineers to accomplish “regular” channel maintenance dredging. Also completed major maintenance dredging of the Port's ship berths.

### Port Land Use Planning and Saltworks Project

- Participated with the City Planning Department in meetings and workshops to represent the Port’s views on land use in the Seaport Boulevard industrial area and the proposed Saltworks project.
- Coordinated with the Seaport Industrial Association on review and submission of extensive comments on the “scoping” for the Saltworks EIR. These comments followed up on the elements in the new Redwood City General Plan which recognizes the need to protect the Port and industrial area from incompatible land uses.

### Public Awareness and Communication

- Held the Port Poster contest for Redwood City elementary schools which was tied into the decorated boat



*The Port is one of the leaders in recycling. Pictured is SRDC Recycling, Inc.*

parade held on South Bay Opening Day of Boating season.

- Improved the Port’s web page and added a video of the Port.
- Put the Port on Facebook and started communicating with “friends.”

### Public Waterfront Access & Recreation

**Public Access:** The Port has more than one mile of waterfront public access, walkways, and viewing areas. These include waterfront parks with picnic areas, restrooms, and parking. **Fishing is allowed from the public fishing pier.** The Port has the only public boat launching facility with access to San Francisco Bay south of Coyote Point. The Port in 2009 upgraded the launch ramp with a new dock and other improvements. The

Port operates a dry boat storage facility next to the public boat launch ramp. For more information call: 650-888-2324.

**Port of Redwood City Marina:** The Port operates a **190-berth modern marina facility.** For berthing information, contact Spinnaker Sailing at 650-363-1390, The Sequoia Yacht Club ([www.sequoiayc.org](http://www.sequoiayc.org)) has its headquarters at the Marina along with its recreational boating club and a clubhouse. In addition, they offer a program for Junior Sailing to teach young people sailing and navigation. Also located at the Marina is **Spinnaker Sailing**

**School** ([www.spinnakersailing.com](http://www.spinnakersailing.com)), an award-winning American Sailing Association affiliate offering internationally certified sailing courses.

**Waterfront Festivals and Public Events:** The Port is the location for public events and festivals featuring visits by historic ships and sailing vessels. Each spring the Port is the location for the “Opening Day” of the boating season with a decorated boat parade and other activities. Crew boat races, Hawaiian Outrigger canoe races, and sailing regattas are regularly held **on the Port’s waterfront.** Additionally, we have an annual PortFest on the first Saturday of each October. See next page for information about this year’s PortFest.



*Port’s public boat launch ramps*



*Port of Redwood City Marina has berths available*

## Second Annual PortFest Set for Saturday, Oct. 1

The second annual PortFest is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year the Port is partnering with the Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF) in co-sponsoring the event. RCEF volunteers are arranging arts & crafts and food vendors for the event. Events include:

- **Oktoberfest Beer Garden**
- **Harbor tours on MSI research ship**
- **Live music**
- **Food booths**
- **Arts and crafts vendors**
- **Children's activities**
- **Learn about the working waterfront tours**
- **And much more**

Other participating community organizations and businesses include the Redwood City Parks and Recreation Department, which is arranging for music, along with others, and the Seaport Industrial Association, whose member businesses will open up their industrial facilities at the Port for working waterfront tours via a free tour bus.

Activities for children are being sponsored by Kaiser Hospital, Pete's Harbor, and the City Parks and Recreation Department and will include a treasure



*Visiting boats at PortFest*

hunt, "bounce house," and face painting. To start the day, Sequoia Yacht Club is providing a pancake breakfast. During, and to "finish" the day, there will be a waterfront Beer Garden provided by Redwood City Sunrise Rotary.

There are plans for human powered boat races, sailboat rides, and vessels on display. On shore, in addition to food and music there will be information displays by the Marine Science Institute, County History Museum, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Save the Bay.

For updated information, please visit our website at [www.redwoodcityport.com](http://www.redwoodcityport.com)

### Port Commissioners & Port Staff

A five-member Port Commission is appointed by the Redwood City Council. The Commission regularly meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 8 a.m. at the Port offices, 675 Seaport Blvd. All meetings are open to the public. You can get agendas and minutes from the Port's website at [www.redwoodcityport.com](http://www.redwoodcityport.com)

#### Port Commissioners are:

- **Dick Claire:** a financial and accounting professor emeritus at Canada College in Redwood City. Serving since 2007. Chairman.
- **Tom Cronin:** CEO of the Redwood City Police Athletic League. Serving since 2010. Secretary.
- **Richard "Dick" Dodge:** owns an office supply business, T.H.E. Office City. Serving since 1980. Vice Chairman.
- **Ralph Garcia:** owns a vacuum and sewing center in Redwood City. Serving since 2005.
- **Lorianna Kastrop:** vice president and controller of The Kastrop Group, Inc. Architects in Redwood City. Serving since 2008.

- **Michael J. Giari,** Executive Director
- **Rita Artist,** Executive Assistant
- **Cynthia Hampton,** Director of Finance and Administration
- **Donald K. Snaman,** Manager of Operations
- **Eric Napralla,** Manager of Development & Compliance
- **Linda Hawkins,** Accounting Clerk,
- **Margaret Astesano,** Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
- **Santiago Talamantes,** Port Maintenance
- **Jorge Ganoza,** Port Maintenance