

Harbor Commissioners Hire Interim Harbormaster

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The Crescent City Harbor Commission appointed Assistant Harbormaster Mike Rademaker to the position of Interim Harbormaster, effective October 1. Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Rademaker to the position through March 30, 2025 at the rate of \$94,000 per year or approximately \$7,833 per month.

Rademaker stated, “Hardworking Americans understand the value of a dollar, and so should the Harbor District. We’re rolling out common sense reforms to ensure every dollar is spent wisely.”

Rademaker earned his Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Inter-Disciplinary Law from the University of Missouri, Columbia and a Master of Science (MS) from the California Maritime Academy, in Vallejo. As part of Rademaker’s package, he will continue to be provided gratis housing of a studio apartment on Harbor grounds, where he will make himself available 24 hours for emergency on-site response, when necessary.

Rademaker became Assistant Harbormaster in 2022, following a 12 year sojourn as a U.S. Park Ranger, Interior Department IT specialist, Bayside RV Park advisor, a Harbor paralegal, and his appointment to

assistant harbormaster in 2022.

Rademaker replaces Tim Petrick who unexpectedly resigned, effective September 30.

Rademaker plans to introduce himself to the Crescent City Council and the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors, in the coming days.

Upon signing his Harbor contract, Rademaker said, “The California Maritime Academy taught me that effective leadership starts with service to others. As a public servant, my role is to serve the people, not the other way around. I believe in listening to the community and ensuring their voices guide the decisions we make for the harbor.”