

## Pier Facility Visitor Guidelines

### Access

The Center for Coastal Marine Sciences (CCMS) pier facility is an education and research facility with access granted to students working on class, or researchers working on approved projects. Other visitors (i.e. friends, family) should not accompany students or researchers working at the pier. Special group visits for non-students are arranged by contacting the Pier Manager.

### Environment

Weather conditions at the pier are often windier and colder than campus, be sure to bring a hat, sweatshirt and a light jacket (windbreaker or rain jacket). Sunscreen is also advised.

### Safety

*Footwear:* Much of the walking surface at the pier is metal grating. This grating can be slippery when wet. It is important that visitors wear flat, rubber soled shoes. No platform or open toed shoes (i.e. flip flops) are allowed.

*Closed areas:* Do not enter roped off areas. Also, do not lean over or climb on railings.

*Injuries/Accidents:* Report all injuries or accidents to a faculty or staff member. Accident report forms are located on a clipboard located next to the sink in lab room (Rm #100D). A first aid kit is also located in this area.

*Emergencies:* Dial 911 for all emergencies.

*Fire Extinguishers:* Fire extinguishers are located in all common areas of the building and on the platform itself. Take a moment after arriving to familiarize yourself with fire extinguisher locations.

### Facility

*Rest Room:* There is a rest room available inside the main building.

*Telephone:* A phone is located in the second floor meeting room and is available for local calls.

*Drinking Water:* Drinking water is available on the pier; however it is recommended that students bring their own water. Food is not available on site, but you may bring your own.

### Risks

This list of potential risks related to this activity/event is intended to assist participants in evaluating the risk of participation and assumption of those risks through voluntary participation. Additional risks, foreseen and unforeseeable, common and uncommon, may also exist and are assumed through voluntary participation in this activity/event.

1. Bodily injury may result from slips, falls, trips, contact with machinery or railings, and or other causes.
2. Death may result from serious bodily injury related to falls, contact with machinery, exposure to weather and other environmental elements or other causes.
3. Damage to and/or loss of personal property may result from protruding edges or points of equipment on the pier, dropping or falling on or off the pier, saturation by seawater or other substances or other causes.

### Contacts

Tom Moylan, Pier Operations Manager  
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## Entry and Parking Directions for Faculty, Staff & Students

Entry to the pier requires accessing two gates:

### 1. Main Entrance Swing Gate

- Visitors should pass through the eastern most swing gate, closing it behind themselves.
- Limited parking (5 spaces) is available in this lot and it is recommended for overflow parking only.

### 2. Middle Roll Gate

- Roll gate open, and then close behind yourself.
- This lot accommodates about 10 parked cars.

These gates should remain closed, but unlocked during normal business hours when the pier is staffed.

After parking, students will then walk to the end of the pier. Allow 10 minutes one-way for the walk. There is a harbor seal haul out site on the rocks at the base of the pier, while otters can usually be seen around the kelp bed located approximately 200 meters offshore. In addition, there are numerous sea lions and sea birds in the area. Occasional dolphin, humpback whale and gray whale sightings can also be made. Feel free to bring binoculars and cameras, but make sure they are equipped with neck straps.

Driving directions and additional information is available at the Marine Operations web site: [www.marine.calpoly.edu/marineops](http://www.marine.calpoly.edu/marineops)

