

Marine Exchange of Southern California and Vessel Traffic Service of Los Angeles & Long Beach



**MX VTS LA/LB
4% User Fee Increase
Effective 1 Nov 2026**

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POLA approved 8 Oct**

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User Fee Increase Summary

4% for 3 years for large vessels; 4% just once for local vessels:

1. For Large Ships/ATBs/Barges charged once upon arrival:

4% increase/year for 3 years & added new Length Overall Category for ships over 360 meters

Current Range: \$320-1,510

New Range: \$333-\$1,648

Range of Increase: \$13 - \$138 per arrival

Average Increase: \$49 per arrival

User Fee last adjusted 2023

User Fee based on Length Overall in 8 length categories and Gross Registered Tonnage

2. For ferries, tugboats, whale watching & sport fishing boats charged monthly no matter how many trips they make in a month:

4% increase just once in 2026

Current range: \$35 to \$395

New Range: \$36 to \$411

User Fee last adjusted 2021

VTS Size Category	Example Large Vessels which pay once upon arrival	Type	Length	Gross Tonnage	Current 2023 Rate	New Rate Year 1 +4%	Change
	Name	Type	LOA (m)	Tons	Total \$	Total \$	\$ Increase
1	DB Ironbound (Tug Collette C)	Oil Barge (Smallest Vessel)	44	530	\$320	\$333	\$13
1	650-9 (Tug Innovation)	ATB (Biggest)	220	14,515	\$470	\$489	\$19
2	China Venture	BBU (Biggest)	300	108,985	\$1003	\$1043	\$40
3	Pluto Leader	Vehicles	190	41,866	\$588	\$611	\$23
4	Matson Maui 4250 TEU	Container	260	39,906	\$646	\$672	\$26
5	Carnival Panorama	Passenger	323	133,868	\$1,176	\$1,223	\$47
6	Front Naver	Tanker (Biggest)	336	156,293	1,347	\$1,400	\$53
7	ONE Harbour 8,212 TEUs	Container	336	98,747	\$1,099	\$1,143	\$44
8	MSC Eloane 19,472 TEU	Container (Biggest)	399	194,250	\$1,510	\$1,648	\$138

Local Vessel Increase

Local Vessels pay the same monthly fee no matter how many trips they make

For Local Vessels charged once per month no matter how many trips they make.				
4% increase just once in 2026				
		Current	New	Increase
Tugs with Commercial Tows		\$ 240	\$ 250	\$10
			\$ -	
Passenger Ferries to/from Catalina Jun/Jul/Aug		\$ 395	\$ 411	\$16
Passenger Ferries to/from Catalina rest of year		\$ 195	\$ 203	\$8
			\$ -	
Port Construction Projects		\$ 395	\$ 411	\$16
Port Construction Projects - 1 time		\$ 240	\$ 250	\$10
			\$ -	
Commercial Assist		\$ 35	\$ 36	\$1
			\$ -	
Whale Watching & Sport Fishing		\$ 65	\$ 68	\$3
Support Services		\$ 240	\$ 250	\$10

We enable close, efficient & safe spacing



MX mission: 7 x 24 x 365 provide traffic management, communications, and maritime information services to promote a safe, secure, efficient, reliable and environmentally sound marine transportation system.

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We enable safe ship movement when other ports would need to shut down.



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fog and bad weather, traffic anomalies,
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