

# SIO Pier Use Policy

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The purpose of guidelines for the use of SIO Pier is to facilitate research access and ensure that all who need to use the facilities and capabilities of the SIO pier can do so. As a result, all of the Pier and any buildings or facilities on it should be considered a shared resource. Since space on the pier is a prime resource, we expect all users to cooperate and work with each other to ensure all research programs can successfully gather data, test instruments, take water or air samples, etc.

- 1) **Purpose of the SIO Pier** is to provide facilities and resources to support:
  - a) Launch and recovery of small boats for research purposes
  - b) Scientific diving and diver training
  - c) Seawater intake for the SIO seawater system
  - d) Local atmospheric, biologic and oceanographic sampling
  - e) Atmospheric and oceanographic instrument testing
- 2) **Entertainment events** on the Scripps Pier are generally prohibited.<sup>1</sup>
- 3) **Parking.** Vehicles on the pier should generally be limited to loading and unloading of equipment. No parking at the pier end is permitted and parking of UC vehicles along the northern railing of the pier is only permitted for short and infrequent periods (< 4 hours).
- 4) **Assignment of Space.** All SIO Pier space is part of the Scripps institutional space and not assignable to the SIO Sections or other research units.
- 5) **Immediate Management Authority – SIO Scientific Diving Officer.** All individuals or research groups who need to use any of the pier facilities must request space or use of equipment via e-mail or in writing to the SIO Scientific Diving Officer. Individuals requesting space or use of equipment need to be SIO employees or request an exception for such use.
- 6) **Resolution of Use Issues.** If there is inadequate space for a requested operation or other issue that the SIO Scientific Diving Officer and the concerned party are not able to resolve, the SIO Pier Use Committee will be asked to review the matter.
- 7) **SIO Pier Use Committee.** This ad-hoc committee, chaired and appointed by the SIO Deputy Director for Research, consists of members of the SIO faculty and staff who are actively using the SIO Pier. It is called to action when/if the Scientific Diving Officer is unable to accommodate a pier space or use request. This committee will assess the situation with all relevant parties, and make a recommendation to the Deputy Director for Research. If necessary, the Deputy Director for Research will then forward the recommendation of the committee to the SIO Director for a final decision.
- 8) **Duration of Pier Use.** Use of the Pier will be periodically reviewed by the Pier Manager, the Pier Use Committee, and the Deputy Director for Research in order to ensure that equipment is being actively used and that new requests for space are being accommodated.
- 9) **Frequency of Use of Equipment.** Because space on the SIO Pier is limited, only materials that will be used at least once a quarter, or every three months, can be stored on the pier or left within any of the buildings or cabinets. This includes all small boats and any ancillary equipment.
- 10) **Identification of Equipment.** Any equipment that is not labeled will be subject to removal.

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<sup>1</sup> The rationale for this restriction includes: Liability/risk exposure; potential negative impact on state designated ASBS (Area of Special Biological Significance); threat of contamination of seawater filtering system by leakage/spills from Porta-Potties, catering accidents; security issues; railings non-compliant for safety.