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Gaviota Boat Hoist Closed for Repairs

SANTA BARBARA – One of the main motors that operate the boat hoist at Gaviota State Park failed over the weekend, forcing California State Parks officials to close the popular facility. No re-opening date has been announced, but officials fear that the closure may last 7-9 weeks.

The lengthy delay is due to the fact that the new motor must be shipped from Europe, where the hoist was made. This problem was identified in an engineering study of the hoist that was released earlier this year. The report recommended that the state parks department replace the existing hoist with an American-made model, which would make replacement parts more readily available and eliminate the lengthy delivery time. The department is seeking the funding to implement the recommendations.

“We know how important the Gaviota hoist is to our boating visitors, and we want them to know we’re doing everything we can to expedite this repair,” said Wes Chapin, a spokesperson for the parks department.

Chapin encouraged boaters who have not taken advantage of the park’s email notification service to sign up by sending an email to gaviotahoistupdate@hotmail.com. Boaters on the list will receive the latest updates as soon as they are available. California State Parks also maintains a recorded information line with current status of the hoist at 805.968.1033.

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