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Gentlemen:

This 30th Anniversary commemorative review of the Orange County Harbor District's history is presented to you as a part of the County's Diamond Anniversary celebration, which is taking place in this year of 1964.

The Orange County Harbor District wishes to join the rest of the official family in offering "Felice Aniversario" or "Happy Anniversary" on 75 years of County progress.

It is hoped the following pages will give you and County citizens a pleasant journey through the past of the Orange County Harbor District, and that we can all join together in looking forward to a rewarding future.

Respectfully submitted,

ORANGE COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

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1934

Harbor entrance  
before dredging 1934



1964

Harbor entrance  
after dredging 1964

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# FOREWORD

The year 1964 is a significant one for Orange County, marking as it does the 75th Anniversary of a rich and spectacular history. A major contributor to the County's well-being and its growth has been Newport Harbor, the world's finest pleasure craft harbor.

A 30-year milestone was passed on February 4, 1964 when the final bond, in an issue of \$640,000 passed by the voters of Orange County in 1933, was paid in a quiet ceremony.

It took courage and foresight in a period of national depression for voters to incur that bonded indebtedness. They did, and they made possible the development of the County's major recreational harbor. An interesting footnote is the fact that the Federal Government received the bonds at par and disposed of them at a tidy profit.

From a natural landlocked bay of sandbars, Newport Harbor has been developed into a safe marine haven, the center of western yachting, sportfishing and water sports activity. The water-borne visitor arriving from the blue Pacific passes the entrance buoy, and as he wends his way into the harbor a sparkling vista unfolds itself. He discovers scenes of orderly boating activity, well-defined channels, anchorages, turning basins, and open sailing areas unparalleled anywhere.

The foresight of early citizens of Orange County has made possible this 30th Anniversary Record compiled by the Harbor District. It is hoped the reader will experience with the District the same justifiable pride in recalling our past marine history, and will join us in looking forward to the exciting future.



































































