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An era begins at the harbor

SANTA CRUZ — Today is a red-letter day in the 22-year history of the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor. It's the day the Port District's own dredge goes into the water — and perhaps the day that will start a new era: that of a shoal-free harbor mouth. Although the dredge is due in the water early

today — perhaps even before you reading this, it won't be officially christened until Thursday. In the photo above, workers labored Monday to rig the new dredge, which is part of an entire sand bypassing system purchased by the federal government and the Port District on an 80-20 ratio.