

# Ocean Activities

When hosting an event with a watersport or ocean activity, the following requirements will apply:

## Lifeguard Coverage

All ocean activities must be supervised by the City of Santa Barbara Beach Lifeguard Service. Non-City lifeguards are not permitted to operate on City beaches. The City Aquatics Supervisor will determine the number of dedicated lifeguards required for the event and the duration of time they will be present. Lifeguard services are charged at an hourly rate per each lifeguard scheduled.

City beach lifeguards will not be scheduled for any water activity, nor will organized swim events be conducted during the 48-hour advisory period following a confirmed shark sighting, the 72-hour advisory following a significant rain event or other conditions that affect the safety of participants and lifeguard staff. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in immediate termination of your Facility Rental Agreement and/or loss of your full security deposit.

## Marine Event Permit

A Marine Event Permit from the Los Angeles-Long Beach sector of the US Coast Guard is required for events with organized water activities such as swims, SUP paddles, kayak/canoe races, boating regattas, etc. Submit application at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/Pages/MarineEventFormSubmission.aspx>. There is no cost for this application if US Coast Guard reviews it and decides to issue an approval letter rather than a permit, but note that an application must be submitted regardless of whether the event was granted a permit waiver in previous years. For follow-up communications, contact the US Coast Guard Waterways Management Division at [D11-DG-SectorLALB-WWM@uscg.mil](mailto:D11-DG-SectorLALB-WWM@uscg.mil).