



## Fourth of July Celebration to Bring a Full Day of Festivities

This Fourth of July, the Waterfront Department, in collaboration with other City departments, will be hosting an eventful Independence Day Celebration filled with live music, food vendors, and an extraordinary firework show. The yearly tradition will transform Santa Barbara's waterfront for a full day of family-friendly activities on Tuesday, July 4.

The event will include a stage on the sands of West Beach with a full lineup of free live music and dance performances sponsored by the [PARC Foundation](#) starting at noon, and the closures of State Street, from Gutierrez Street to Cabrillo Boulevard, and Cabrillo Boulevard from Castillo Street to Calle Cesar Chavez, to allow crowds to take the celebration to the streets starting at 6 p.m.

The day will conclude with a 20-minute fireworks display, presented by Garden State Fireworks and sponsored by the City's Waterfront Department. Fireworks will launch from West Beach starting at approximately 9 p.m. The show will be simulcast on local radio station KJEE (92.9 FM) and live-streamed on KEYT.com, both longtime media partners of this community event.

### Schedule of Events

## **West Beach**

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – DJ Joseph Souza
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Peer Pressure
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – The Free Radicals
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Rock Shop Review
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. – Golf Sucks
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. – Drifting Dimension
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. – The Other Woman
- 6:45 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. – La Boheme Dancers
- 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. – The Roosters
- 7:50 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. – Spencer the Gardener
- 9:00 p.m. – 9:20 p.m. – Fireworks!

## **Cabrillo Boulevard Sidewalk at West Beach**

Enjoy a special street fair with food vendors lined up on the Cabrillo Boulevard Sidewalk at West Beach, sponsored by PARC Foundation.

- 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – This year's vendors include Timbers Roadhouse, Tinkers Hot Dogs, Lidos Philly Cheese Steaks, G Brothers Kettle Corn, and Deli Doctor Sandwiches.

## **Stearns Wharf**

Visit Stearns Wharf for free musical entertainment and face painting, compliments of the Stearns Wharf Merchants Association. While enjoying Stearns Wharf, explore wharf merchants offering jewelry, shells, arts, crafts, clothing, wine tasting, fishing gear rentals, and festive treats, along with Wharf restaurants offering fresh seafood, steaks, burgers, and more.

- 12:00 p.m. – Live music by Brasscals
- 2:00 p.m. – Free face painting
- 4:00 p.m. – Live music by Area 51

Additional information about festive activities happening on Stearns Wharf can be found [here](#).

## **July 5 Beach Cleanup Volunteer Opportunity**

On July 5, the City will partner with Santa Barbara Channelkeeper to host beach cleanups at nearby beaches to ensure any litter left over the holiday does not make its way to the ocean. Cleanups will take place at Leadbetter Beach and East Beach from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gloves and buckets will be provided for all volunteers. Community members that would like to help with cleanup efforts can [register here](#).

More information about the Fourth of July Celebration including parking and road closures can be found at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/July4](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/July4).

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## Safe Boating

By Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager

National Safe Boating Week ran May 20 through Memorial Day weekend. This campaign is a great reminder to all boaters of the importance of safety and responsibility while operating all types of vessels. With summer upon us, it's a great time to refresh your skills so you can enjoy safe boating with friends and family.

### Travel Responsibly

Every person on board should wear the mandatory, properly fitted, Coast Guard-approved life preserver (PFD). Carry a marine radio, a GPS device, and of course the required distress signaling equipment. Operate your vessel at a safe speed and designate a lookout to watch for other boaters, swimmers, wildlife, and objects floating in and on the water. Don't mix boating with alcohol. More than half of all marine fatalities are alcohol related.

### Respect the Rights of Others

With increased boating, kayaking, and stand up paddle boarding in the summertime, it's everyone's responsibility to respect the rights of other recreationists in and around our harbor. Be courteous and patient with other boaters. Show consideration, especially to those who may be new to boating.

### File a Float Plan with a Relative or Friend

Let someone know where you're headed, and how long you'll be gone. If you don't communicate your safe return, they should contact the local boating authority or USCG. Communication devices can be the most important equipment on board, especially in case of emergency. VHF radios, cell phones, satellite phones, emergency position indicating radio beacons, and personal locator beacons can all contribute to your safety.

### Check the Weather

Know the latest marine weather forecast and monitor changing conditions.

### Know your State's Boating Laws Before Going Out on the Water

Rules and laws can differ from state to state, and violations can result in tickets, fines, or jail. Download a free copy of "The ABCs of California Boating Law" [here](#). Be advised, there are now mandatory boater education requirements in California, details [here](#).

### Educate Yourself

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron (805) 570-2991 and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary ([info@cgauxsb.org](mailto:info@cgauxsb.org)) offer free vessel safety checks and boating-safety classes.

I hope Safe Boating Week will be on your minds throughout the year. We in Harbor Patrol look forward to seeing you on the water having fun and staying safe.

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Fee Adjustments	Current (FY2023)	New (FY2024)
Parking Lot Hourly Rate	\$2.50/hr	\$3.00/hr
Stearns Wharf Hourly Parking Rate	\$3.00/hr	\$3.50/hr
Monthly Slip Fee		10.0%
Monthly Liveaboard Fee		10.0%
Visiting Vessel Fee (<65-feet)	\$1.50/ft	\$1.75/ft
Visiting Vessel Fee (>65-feet)	\$2.00/ft	\$2.50/ft
Cruise Ship Passenger Fee Increase	\$10	\$15

## Waterfront FY2024 Budget and Fee Adjustments

On June 13, 2023, the City of Santa Barbara adopted its operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. FY2024 begins on July 1, 2023 and runs through June 30, 2024. The FY2024 City budget is comprised of all City funds, including the Waterfront.

This year's Waterfront budget was particularly challenging due to large increases in property insurance, hourly wages, storm related expenses, and general inflationary increases on materials and equipment. With rising costs comes the need for increased revenues along with operational efficiencies and cost-cutting measures. As an Enterprise Fund, the Waterfront receives no taxpayer dollars and must generate enough revenue through slip fees, parking fees, and tenant rents to cover its cost of operations and capital reinvestment. Above is a table outlining the most significant fee adjustments set to take effect July 1, 2023.

Nobody likes fee increases, but it is critical that the Waterfront remains fiscally sustainable and able to cover the cost of operations, fund capital reinvestment projects, and ensure sufficient reserves. Being fiscally sustainable ensures the Waterfront thrives for years to come as an amazing place to work, live, recreate, and visit.

The adopted budget for FY2024 can be accessed on the online budget tool at [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/budget-reports](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/budget-reports). The budget tool brings greater transparency of the City's finances.

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## Grant Funding Available for Commercial Vessels

By Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District's (APCD) 2023 Clean Air Grants Program will accept applications from Monday, July 24, 2023 to Friday, September 1, 2023. Under this program, funding will be awarded to commercial vessel owners to upgrade or replace their diesel-powered marine engines, contributing to the collective effort of reducing air pollution in our beautiful coastal region.

Successful projects will be eligible to receive a grant from \$10,000 to \$250,000, with priority being given to zero-emission or near-zero emissions technology projects.

Funding opportunities are limited to vessels subject to the Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation, including commercial passenger vessels, commercial fishing vessels, pilot vessels, barges, dredge vessels, work boats, research vessels, ferries, excursion vessels, tugboats, tow boats, push boats, crew boats, and supply boats. In addition, vessels must be based in Santa Barbara County and operate at least 50% of the time in coastal waters of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and/or Ventura counties.

For more information, visit [OurAir.org/grants](https://www.ourair.org/grants). Applications will be posted on that website on July 24. For any questions or to be added to the email notification list, contact [grants@sbcapcd.org](mailto:grants@sbcapcd.org).

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## Waterfront Parking Permit - Get Yours Today!

Residents or visitors who frequently use Santa Barbara's Waterfront Parking Lots are encouraged to purchase an Annual Waterfront Parking Permit. Slip-Permittee and General permits cost \$125. Permits are valid from the date of purchase through December 31, 2023. General permits are available [online](#) and at the Harbormaster's Office. Slip-Permittee permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office. For Waterfront Parking details visit the [Waterfront Parking](#) website or contact the Parking Office at (805) 897-1965.

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## Nautical Swap Meet Recap

By Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager

This year's Nautical Swap Meet welcomed over 30 vendors from Santa Barbara and across the state. Hundreds of visitors to the free event discovered deals on everything nautical, including surf boards, SUPs, wetsuits, anchors, lines, fenders, fishing gear, and ocean-themed art. While the most popular items sold were new and used rods and reels, the most frequent things swapped were fish tales.

Coffee and donuts were provided by the Waterfront Department.

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