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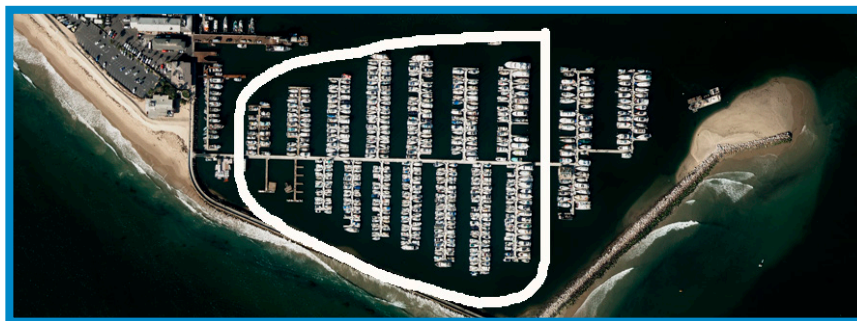
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MARINA ONE REPLACEMENT PROJECT COMPLETE

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager



City of S.B. Photo: Aerial view of Marina One fingers replaced between 2009 - 2018

After nine years and \$12 million, the Marina One Replacement Project, the Department's largest capital improvement project in decades, is finally done.

Marina One "A" through "P" fingers were constructed in 1975. When the idea of replacing them was first conceived, the docks had almost met their 30-year useful life expectancy. Staff conducted several site visits to other harbors, analyzing similar dock systems of the same age, concluding that rapid deterioration and corresponding maintenance costs justified replacement. In fact, some similar systems had deteriorated to the point they were no longer useable, surely unacceptable in a marina 100% occupied like ours.

The Waterfront's annual capital expenditures ranges from just over \$1 million to about \$4 million. The original cost estimate to replace Marina One was \$14 million. Fortunately, the State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has a loan program similar to a home equity line of credit. Staff secured \$14 million in DBW loan funds but only had to pay on the amount borrowed as annual project phases were completed. This resulted in a steady but manageable increase in debt service over the past nine years, with a corresponding nominal annual increase in slip fees (typically 2%) to cover the cost. Spreading out the cost and replacing only a portion of the marina each year minimized impacts to slipholders and resulted in a state-of-the-art marina that should last over 40 years.

WEST BEACH SHOAL

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager



City of S.B. Photo: The dredge works off of West Beach

The harbor area adjacent to West Beach offers calm-water protection for small craft like kayaks, paddleboards, and sailing dinghies. Despite this year's lack of swells and resulting sand deposits in the harbor, huge amounts were dumped off West Beach the previous three years. A relatively shallow-water area that posed an occasional nuisance for larger boats wandering outside the Federal Channel had turned into a shoal with breaking waves at low tide.

In the past, sand off West Beach has been removed by trucking, dredging, and barges, often taken to Goleta Beach to mitigate severe coastal

erosion. Staff contacted the County of Santa Barbara again, explaining there was plenty of sand available to address all their erosion problems, but alas they had no funds.

Meanwhile, the West Beach Shoal had become such a hazard to navigation and had so fully compromised the use of that area, the Waterfront Department bore the cost to remove it. We piggybacked on the Army Corps' dredging contract to have the sand removed for a manageable cost. To put the shoaling in context, more sand was removed from West Beach this spring than from the Federal Channel.

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**City of Santa Barbara
Waterfront Department**

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Business Office: 564-5531
Harbor Patrol: 564-5530
Maintenance: 564-5522
Parking Services: 564-5523
Office Fax: 560-7580

Local area code (805)

Clean Marina Corner

TWO HARBOR EVENTS HERALD THE COMING OF SPRING

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Springtime at the harbor is no different than springtime at home—time to clean up, clean out, and stock up for summer. As always, May is the go-to month for these activities at the harbor. Here are two events you don't want to miss:

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP MAY 5TH

The 12th annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, takes place Saturday, May 5th, from 8 am to noon. The event kicks off with coffee, donuts, and a briefing on the Travel Lift Pier (next to the Harbor Patrol Office). This year, we'll focus on Marina 2, after last's year's effort in Marina 3 brought the 11-year total of debris removed to 19.2 tons.

Typically, Clean Sweep draws 40-50 volunteer dock workers, aided by a dozen divers from harbor-area dive-service companies. It's a fun and productive "fishing trip" that, while removing seafloor litter, yields surprises ranging from barbecues and bow pulpits to deck chairs, satellite dishes, cell phones, and more (spoiler alert—maintenance divers have surveyed the seafloor at Marina 2, and it's a target-rich area). Volunteers enjoy a free lunch at 11:30 a.m. when the cleanup concludes.

Persons wishing to participate in this year's event can contact Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET MAY 12TH

Sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, the 9th annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet takes place Saturday, May 12th in the Marina 3 parking lot. Come to buy, sell, peruse, or just enjoy good company, coffee, and donuts at this uniquely local event. Typical sale items include sailboat rigging, fishing gear, outboard motors, surfboards, paddleboards, kayaks, and all manner of boat parts. Signups for vendor spaces (\$10 apiece) began Monday, April 9th. Don't miss your chance to grab a vendor spot and participate.

And while taking inventory of what you need to buy or sell, check your dock box too, since again this year the Waterfront Department will sponsor a Hazmat Turn-in event in conjunction with the Swap Meet. Next to the Swap Meet, you'll find a marked disposal area for hazardous materials you may want to dispose of before boating season hits high gear—items like waste oil, old cans of varnish, lacquer, or paint, or small amounts of gasoline or diesel. The Hazmat Turn-in is funded in part through a CalRecycle used-oil grant. In an effort to limit the Hazmat event to harbor boat owners only, an "entry ticket" is included in May's slip billing. The ticket entitles slip permittees to dispose of any appropriate items from their boat or dock box. No ticket is necessary to participate in the Swap Meet.

Questions? Contact: Dominique Samario, Waterfront Administrative Analyst, 805-897-1962 DSamario@SantaBarbaraCA.gov or Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, (805) 897-2587 MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.



City of S. B. Photo: 2017 Clean Sweep volunteers



City of S. B. Photo: 2017 Nautical Swap Meet

HARBOR NEWS

SIX-PASSENGER CHARTER PERMITS

Patrick Henry, Property Management Specialist

Ever contemplated using your boat for a charter business? Maybe eco-tours, fishing or whale-watching? There are ways to accomplish that, but it's important to understand the Waterfront Department's rules and regulations for its Charter Business Activity Permit program, especially as they pertain to small (six-passenger max) charters. For starters, there needs to be a vacancy on our "permitted charters" waiting list, which is currently the case. Then, there are these requirements:

1. An applicant for a Charter Business Activity Permit must possess and show proof of a current, valid United States Coast Guard license to carry passengers;
2. The applicant must be the registered owner of the vessel he or she intends to use for charter activity;
3. The applicant must be the slip permittee for the vessel noted in #2 above, and it must be

berthed in the slip to which it is assigned;

4. The applicant must obtain \$1M Commercial liability insurance naming the City of Santa Barbara as additionally insured;
5. The applicant must obtain a business license from City Hall;
6. Before the Waterfront Department issues a Charter Business Activity Permit, a 30-day wait period commences, allowing anyone with a concern about the proposed operation to provide input; and
7. Annual permit cost is \$250, beginning August 1st each year. To renew, provide (original) USCG License, Captain's log, Schedule C, insurance, and business license.

Questions? Stop by the Waterfront Department or call Patrick Henry, Property Management Specialist, at 805-897-1961.

WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT CERTIFIED "GREEN"

Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager

In April, Santa Barbara County's Green Business Program officially certified the Waterfront Department as a Green Business, making it the first City Department to earn that distinction.

The Green Business Program of Santa Barbara County helps businesses in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Buellton, Solvang, Santa Maria, and Guadalupe, plus unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County, to operate in an environmentally responsible manner, then recognizes them for their efforts.

The certification process took six months and included three separate workshops focusing on water conservation and wastewater, waste reduction and recycling, and energy conservation and pollution prevention. Following the workshops, staff completed a detailed Green Business Checklist—a set of mandatory and vol-

untary measures established by the California Green Business Network, comprised of Green Business Programs statewide. The checklist is used to evaluate business operations, assess existing environmentally sustainable practices, and assist in implementing additional measures to earn certification.

Green Business staff and local experts also conducted three separate onsite assessments of Waterfront Department operations. Assessments included waste reduction and recycling, water conservation and wastewater, pollution prevention, and areas of improvement, if needed.

If your business or employer is interested in becoming a Certified Green Business, contact Fran Gilliland, Green Business Program Director, at 729-3472.



WFD representatives Brian Bosse and Tom Dietz accept the department's Green Business Certification

MARINA ACCESS — TIME FOR NEW KEY CARDS

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Hard to believe, but the Department has issued over 20,000 key cards for 1,100 harbor slips over the past 15 years. Slip permittees, visitors, tenants, marina workers, and first responders all have key cards. Many cards have been lost or stolen, and occasionally they fall into the wrong hands, resulting in unauthorized access to marinas and restrooms.

The situation has gotten out of hand, and now it's time to reset the clock and reissue key cards to those who need and deserve them.

Simple, right? Not quite. Currently, slip holders are allowed nine key cards each at a nominal price, and an unlimited number of key cards at a slightly higher price. There is no key-card limit for visiting yachts, and some of the larger ones obtain key cards for their entire crew. Over time, and with these generous policies, it's easy to see how the number of outstanding key cards has ballooned to 20,000, creating an incentive (and support from slip permittees) to reel in that number by reissuing them.

So what is a reasonable number of key cards to issue? Should the cost be higher as a disincentive to obtain more key cards than necessary? Staff is working with a committee of the Harbor Commission to address these questions, and new key cards will be distributed incrementally over the summer. This may cause minor inconveniences, but all of us need to work together to make sure key cards are only issued to slip permittees and people conducting legitimate business at the harbor.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS FOR A WORRY-FREE SUMMER ON THE WATER

Anthony Lombardi, Harbor Patrol Officer

With summer nearly upon us, it's perfect time to review tips for safe ocean travel and fun. Here are some "top tier" considerations:

1. It's recommended to always wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD, or "life jacket") while boating, and a legal requirement for children 12 years old and under to wear a properly fitted PFD while underway. Before leaving the dock, make sure to have the correct number and correctly sized PFDs for all passengers on board. Also, practice donning PFDs before leaving the dock. Make sure to have the proper type PFD for your intended activity. Questions? Ask Harbor Patrol and/or order a copy of the ABCs of Boating at https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28731
2. Make sure to have required safety equipment for your vessel size. Check expiration dates and replace equipment that has expired. Contact Harbor Patrol or attend training on how to use your safety equipment. Prior to leaving the dock, inform your passengers (and show them the location of) safety equipment onboard, like fire extinguishers, flares, PFDs, and radios. Show them how to use them.
3. Make sure radios function properly. Test them prior to departure. Register your marine radio for Digital Selective Calling, a number unique to your boat that will forward to the U.S. Coast Guard's National Distress database for use in an emergency. Go to <https://www.boatus.com/mmsi> for details.
4. Remain "weather alert." Check marine forecasts at least a day before departing--especially wind, swell, and fog. Harbor Patrol records and posts daily weather forecasts in the Patrol Office and below the office on a public-information bulletin board.
5. Fully inspect your boat. Check for any leaks on fuel hoses, water hoses, or piping. Check all electrical equipment. Operate and test your navigation lights, radar, gps, fathometers, bilge pumps and alarms prior to departing. Make sure your ground tackle, shackles, and anchor attachments are in good condition and properly seized with wire.
6. Never boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Operating a boat with a blood alcohol level of .08% or above is a crime in California.

Safety means security and security means peace of mind. So, here's wishing you a safe, peaceful summer on the water!



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132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

To:

FREE OIL-ABSORBENT BILGE PADS

Help prevent bilge-oil leaks, discharges, and spills in the harbor. Stop by the Harbormaster's Office and pick up your **free** oil-absorbent bilge pads, funded by a grant from CalRecycle.

GOT USED OIL?

Find a certified Used Oil Recycling Center* near you. A list of harbor dump station locations is also available at the Harbormaster's Office.



*For a complete list of certified used-oil collection centers, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/

DockLines is funded in part by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

2018 WATERFRONT PARKING PERMITS DROP TO \$90 MAY 1ST!

Cesar Barrios

Waterfront Parking Supervisor

Annual Waterfront Parking Permits continue to offer convenient, economical parking. We strongly encourage local residents and regular visitors to take advantage of this great deal. Starting May 1st, General Permits drop in price to \$90, while Slip-Permittee Permits (one per slip) remain at \$70. Permits are valid from date of purchase through December 31, 2018. General Permits are available at the Harbormaster's Office and Main Harbor Parking Kiosk. Slip-Permittee Permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office. For Waterfront Parking details contact the Parking Office at 897-1965.



Annual permits provide economical beach parking

NEW, IMPROVED HOIST 4

City Pier hoists remain among the most important facilities supporting our working harbor. Commercial fisherman offload their catch daily, primarily on the south side of the Pier, using one of three tripod hoists that can lift 1,000 to 2,000 pounds each. These hoists meet most needs of our fishing fleet but for big loads, Hoist 4, on the north side of the pier, is the one for the job. Hoist 4 sits on a steel column with an I-beam boom. A hoist motor attaches to a trolley that "travels" out and back on the boom, for precise positioning over loads.

Finally, after years of service, components wore out and we installed a new hoist and trolley motor. Engineers concluded that the hoist could lift up to 5,000 pounds. State certification requires a test lift of 125% of the design load. In this case, the hoist was tested lifting 6,250 pounds. It passed all required tests, and should provide years of reliable service to commercial fisherman, mechanics, research vessels, and boat maintenance companies.

2018 EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 5	Operation Clean Sweep
May 12	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 13	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 16	Parade of Lights

Visit

www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/Waterfront
for more details

2018 REGULAR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

January 18	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

Harbor Commission regularly meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers