



# DockLines

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## FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET AND FEE CHANGES

Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director

Waterfront revenues for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) are projected to slightly exceed budgeted projections. The Department continues to maintain 100% occupancy in slip and lease rentals. Stearns Wharf and the Harbor continue to grow in popularity as visitor destinations.

During Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018), the Department expects to fund approximately \$3.9M in capital improvement projects, including the final phase of the Marina 1 Replacement Project, repairs to the Harbor West Parking Lot, Stearns Wharf pile and timber repair, replacement of dock fingers in Marina 4, construction of a new Stearns Wharf guardrail, and a Marina 2 restroom remodel.

As in prior years, fee increases are necessary to complete these projects, maintain the Harbor, Stearns Wharf, and other Waterfront facilities while keeping the Department's emergency and construction reserves at required levels.

Fee increases proposed for July 1, 2018 include:

- Slip fee increase of 2%; and
- Slip permit transfer fee increase of \$25 per foot for slips above 30 feet in length. Transfer fee increase does not include 20, 25, 28 and 30-foot slips, as well as designated Commercial Fishing Slips.

Waterfront staff reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget, including proposed fee increases, with the Harbor Commission in February and March 2017. The City's Finance Committee reviewed the proposed fee adjustments on May 16th, and City Council reviewed the Waterfront Department's proposed budget at a May 24th work session. City Council is scheduled to adopt the City's overall budget on June 27th. The entire proposed City budget can be found on the Finance Department's homepage: [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Finance](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Finance)



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## STEARNS WHARF ANNUAL PILE DRIVING: MAINTAINING A LOCAL LANDMARK

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

There's no better place to observe a stormy sea than the deck of Stearns Wharf. Plus, it's reassuring to know the Wharf is structurally sound and a safe place to watch Mother Nature in all her moods.

Constantly exposed to wind, waves, and a corrosive marine environment, Stearns Wharf is our most vulnerable asset, requiring significant annual investment to maintain. It's also one of the City's most popular landmarks, with more than one million visitors per year. So, ensuring its structural integrity and the reliability of its utilities are high-priority commitments. In fact, the Waterfront Department budgets over \$400,000 annually to replace heavy timbers that support the Wharf and help resist battering by large waves. Moreover, its 2,000+ pilings require regular inspection (and replacement as needed), as do acres of deck boards that wear out quickly, enduring the traffic of some 250,000 vehicles a year.

Annual inspections identify damage to pilings, supporting timbers, deck boards, and utilities. Most inspections are undertaken in fall, when ocean conditions allow the Waterfront's dive crew to check components under the water and under the deck.

Then, staff prepares construction specifications and puts them out to bid. Winter storms frequently result in extra damage, so corresponding repairs are added to the contract.

One of the worst southeasters in years hit the Waterfront in February, with relatively light damage to the Wharf—a testament to its strength and our commitment to keeping it strong.



City of S.B. Photo:  
Wharf takes a beating during February 2017 storm

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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.

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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

### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP RECAP

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

On May 6th, Operation Clean Sweep, the Department's seafloor cleanup program, attracted 50 volunteer divers and dock workers, who removed 1.5 tons of junk from the Marina 3 seafloor, bringing its 11-year total to 19.2 tons. Items removed included bicycles, a galley sink, fishing poles, a steering wheel, crab receivers, dock carts, dock steps, tires, outboard motors, a fiberglass skiff, an inflatable boat, and a microwave oven.

Staff wishes to thank a stalwart volunteer corps, including local dive companies, NOAA, ChannelKeeper, Surfrider Foundation, Maritime Museum, Harbor Commissioners Sloan and Cramer, and individual participants from throughout the community.

Next year we'll move to Marina 2, continuing this seafloor litter-removal project.



*City of S.B. Photos: Volunteers with their hauls during the 2017 Clean Sweep event*

### RECORD VENDOR ATTENDANCE AT HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

A record 76 vendors—18 more than the previous record—participated in the 8th annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet on May 13th. Hundreds of community members jammed the Marina 3 parking lot, enjoying great deals on everything from paddle boards and surfboards to boat rigging, fishing gear, dive gear, kayaks, skiffs, motors, pumps, and more—all while enjoying free coffee, donuts, bagels, and fruit, care of the Harbor Merchants Association, designated beneficiary of this popular event.

Waterfront staff also distributed a slew of goodies and information, including reusable water bottles, the ABCs of California Boating Law, oil-absorbent bibs and pillows, West Marine coupons, and reusable tote bags.

In concert with the Swap Meet, local boaters took advantage of a Hazmat disposal facility to get rid of hazardous materials taking up space in dock boxes or boats. The Hazmat Turn-in was funded in part through a CalRecycle used-oil grant.



*City of S. B. Photo: 2017 Swap Meet aerial view*

With its growing popularity, next year's event should be equally successful. Stay tuned for the date in May, 2018, so you can circle your calendar early.

## HARBOR NEWS

### DOMOIC ACID CONTINUES TO RAVAGE LOCAL MARINE MAMMALS

*Ruth Dover, Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute (CIMWI)*

A naturally occurring but harmful algae bloom (often called "red tide") that produces domoic acid continues to affect the Santa Barbara coast, as it has since early spring. Domoic acid is a neurotoxin (poisonous to nerve tissue) that accumulates in small fish like anchovies or sardines, which are not affected by the toxin. Marine mammals are negatively affected when they eat the contaminated fish.

The result: Domoic acid poisoning, symptoms of which include lethargy, disorientation, head bobbing and weaving, foaming at the mouth, vomiting, seizures, unresponsiveness, inability to move out of the water, and, in severe cases, death. If you encounter a marine mammal that may have domoic acid poisoning or is sick, injured, malnourished, entangled, deceased, or oiled, please follow these steps:

#### 1. Do Not Touch!

Do not touch, feed, harass, cover, pour water on, or allow dogs near the animal. Do not coax, drag, push, pull, or roll the animal into the water or out of the surf zone. Though such "rescues" are often well-intended, they are illegal under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and are very dangerous for untrained rescuers, especially dealing with diseased (brain-affected) wild animals.

#### 2. Observe the Animal

Observe the animal from a minimum of 50 feet. Keep people and pets away from it.

#### 3. Determine its Location

Determine the exact location of the animal and note landmarks so CIMWI's rescue team can easily find it.

#### 4. Call Our Hotline

Call CIMWI's Rescue Hotline at (805) 567-1505. Provide your name, phone number, and specific information about the animal and its location.

*Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute (CIMWI) is dedicated to positively impacting conservation through marine mammal rescue, rehabilitation, research, and education to promote ocean and human health. CIMWI serves Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Reach us at [www.CIMWI.org](http://www.CIMWI.org).*



*CIMWI Photo: Affected sea lion lies on beach behind CIMWI warning sign*

### NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC HEADED TO SBCC FOR RARE PERFORMANCE

Billed as the largest classical music event in Santa Barbara history, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at La Playa Stadium on Monday, July 31st at 7:30 p.m. It will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, "Ode to Joy." An offshore fireworks display will follow at 9:15 p.m. The event is presented in partnership with the Music Academy of the West, the City of Santa Barbara, SBCC, and the SBCC Foundation. It will mark Alan Gilbert's final appearance as the Orchestra's music director.

For tickets, go to [musicacademy.org](http://musicacademy.org), call the Music Academy of the West Ticket Office at 805-969-8768, or visit the Carsey Ticket Office, 1070 Fairway Road in Santa Barbara. Tickets start at \$10 each, so don't delay!



*Music Academy of the West Photo*

## PADDLING SAFETY TIPS

**PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE (PFD) REQUIRED. IT'S THE LAW!**

**Inflatable Type PFD:** Must be worn at all times, is not for children under 16, weak swimmers and non-swimmers, and where immersion is expected. May need to pull a cord or blow into a tube to inflate.



**Vest Type PFD:** Must be readily accessible to the user, must be worn at all times by children under 13 and should be worn by weak swimmers and non-swimmers. No inflation required.



- CARRY A WHISTLE OR OTHER SOUND SIGNALING DEVICE. IT'S THE LAW!
- DON'T PADDLE FARTHER FROM SHORE THAN YOU CAN SWIM.
- CHECK WEATHER FORECASTS.
- AVOID OFFSHORE WINDS AND ROUGH SEAS.
- PADDLE WITH A FRIEND.
- TELL A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER WHEN YOU PLAN TO RETURN.
- WEAR A WETSUIT OR OTHER SUITABLE CLOTHING.
- WEAR A LEASH AND HOLD ONTO YOUR BOARD IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE.

Questions: Contact Harbor Patrol at (805) 564-5530 or Marine VHF Radio Channels 16 or 12.

City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department  
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/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/)

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

# THE SANTA BARBARA Fourth of July CELEBRATION

Visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SBFourth](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SBFourth) for all the information!

## LEADBETTER LOT SELF-PAY PARKING SYSTEM EXPANSION COMPLETE

*Cesar Barrios  
Waterfront Parking Supervisor*

Installation of six self-pay parking stations in the Leadbetter Parking Lot is complete. The project included removing a parking kiosk and improving surrounding landscaping. The multi-phased implementation of self-pay parking stations began in the Harbor West Lot in July 2011, then expanded to Cabrillo, Palm Park, and Garden Street lots. They've proven efficient and customer-friendly, accepting cash, coins, or credit cards (Visa, Discover, and MasterCard). Questions? Call the Parking Office at 564-5534.



City of S.B. Photo:  
New stations at Leadbetter Lot entrance

## CASTILLO STREET UNDERCROSSING CLOSED BEGINNING JUNE 19TH

The State of California's Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the Castillo Street Undercrossing beginning June 19th to make significant repairs, including replacement of the entire road surface in a manner intended to keep it free of water intrusion. None of us like disruptions, especially during the summer; however, previous repair and replacement work has been short-lived. The new design includes a slightly raised road surface to allow water intrusion and water "capture" to occur below the road surface, not above it.

Caltrans officials expect the project to conclude in late August. The southbound off-ramp, southbound on-ramp, and northbound on-ramp at Castillo Street will be closed for the duration of the project. The northbound off-ramp at Bath Street will remain open. Check Caltrans' website for road closures and project status. ([www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/))



## 2017 EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 6	Operation Clean Sweep
May 13	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 14	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 10	Parade of Lights

Visit  
[www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/Waterfront](http://www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/Waterfront)  
for more details

## 2017 REGULAR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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