

## Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project to Start Soon

The fuel dock at Santa Barbara Harbor is an important and busy place. On any given day dozens of fishing vessels, workboats, sailboats, and power boats tie up to fill up with gasoline and diesel. Without the fuel dock, most maritime operations out of our harbor would come to a screeching halt.

The underground storage tanks (UST) that supply the fuel dock are located just west of 125 Harbor Way and southeast of the Fish Market. The four tanks, installed in 1983, are single-walled which are more prone to leaks than newer, double-walled tanks. In fact, the Health and Safety Code was recently amended requiring replacement of all existing single-walled UST with double-walled USTs by 2025.

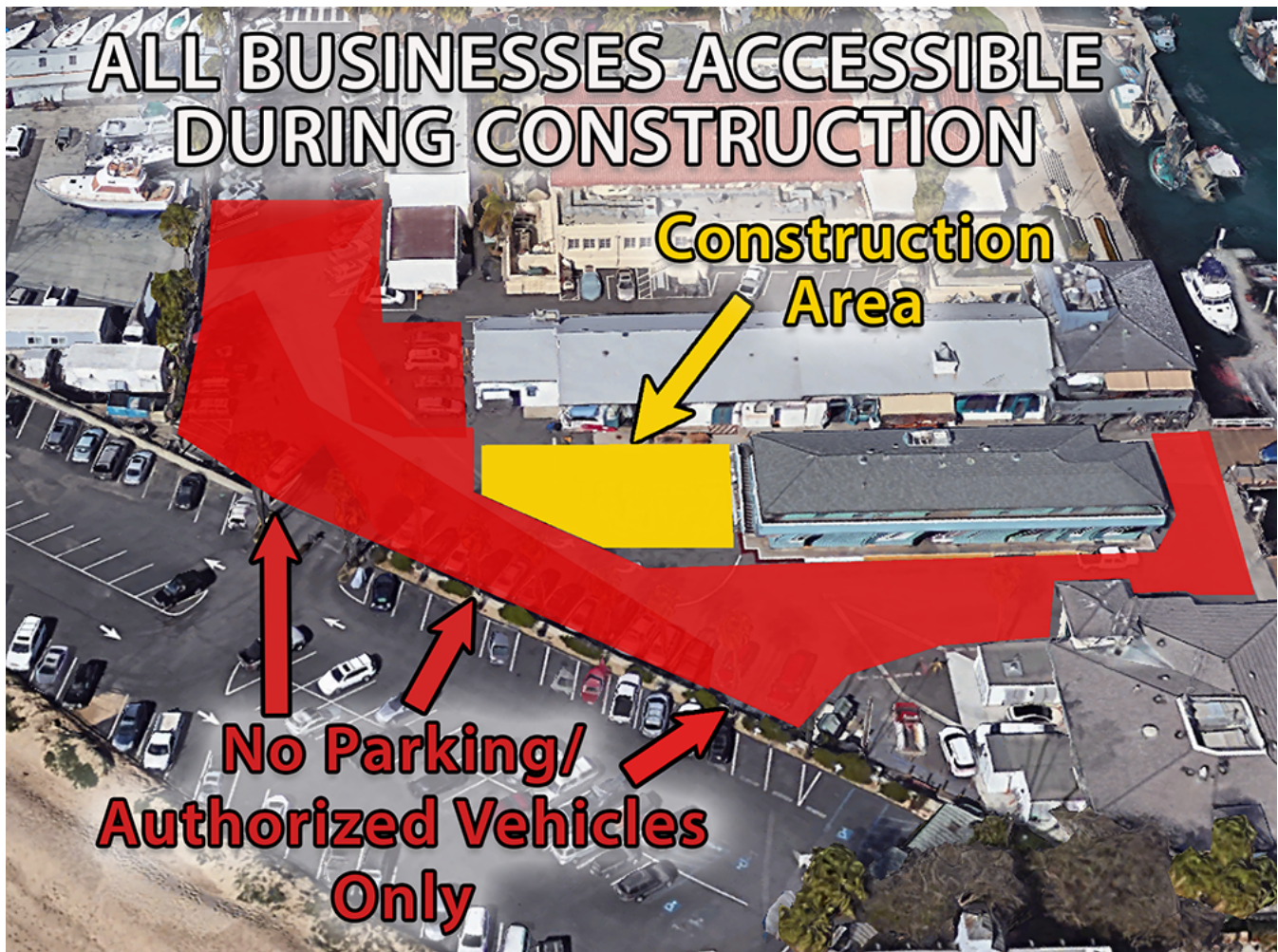
To comply with the code, Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. (a subsidiary of McCormick Oil Corporation), began preparing a plan to replace their four existing single-walled 10,000 gallon UST with two 20,000 gallon double-walled UST. After a lot of work and public outreach, the Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacement project started in February 2020 but it was soon halted due to the discovery of an unknown electrical utility line adjacent to the existing UST. The utility line has since been relocated and the project will restart on March 08, 2021 and wrap up in late May.

During the project there will be no public parking in the red and yellow construction zones (see map), vehicular access in and through this area will be limited to operations essential to maintaining our working harbor. The Yacht Club Parking Lot will be accessible to members only. All harbor businesses will be accessible via foot traffic during the project, and fuel will be delivered by trucks to boats at the City Pier.

For more information, call:

McCormick Oil Corporation – project owner (805) 963-9366

Parking Office – parking & traffic control (805) 564-5534





## Get Your Boat Ready for a Rainy Day

Mark Stouder, Waterfront Vessel Technician

It may come as a surprise that a lot of boats sitting in the ocean all the time would succumb to water falling from the sky. Rain has a significant influence on the sinking or swamping of boats in Santa Barbara Harbor every year and there are several things you can do to keep your boat afloat.

If you keep a skiff in the water, one hard rain could send it underwater so pay close attention to weather forecasts and come to the harbor to pump it out whenever a rain event occurs. A sturdy hand pump and a bailer should be standard equipment. Avoid leaving the skiff full of belongings that could become flotsam and remember that you are also responsible for any fuel or oil that leaks out into the ocean.

Larger boats are also susceptible to rain effects. The added weight of rainwater can bring vulnerable parts of a boat down to sea level, causing an influx of sea water. This is a common problem for boats with a low cutout in the transom for outboard engines. In other cases, thru hull fittings used for drains above the water line, suddenly end up underwater. Deck scuppers that get clogged allow rainwater to stay in the boat.

Automatic bilge pumps are a valuable tool, which should be able to pump out water at a greater rate than it can come in. This requires that the pump's batteries are kept dry and fully charged. A good shore power cord and battery charger are essential as many disasters are the result of a dead battery shutting down the bilge pump. Additionally, bilge pumps fail when they get clogged with debris.

The best practices are sealed clean decks and bilges, reliable pumps, charged batteries, and checking on the boat during rain events. If you cannot check on your own boat, there are several professional services available to provide those checks for you. Be sure to get ready for those rainy days ahead!

## New Faces and Changing Places

In the past couple of months a new face was added to the Waterfront Department management team and a familiar one assumed a new role.

### Brian Adair - Waterfront Facilities Manager

Brian Adair took the position of Waterfront Facilities Manager on December 14th. Brian comes with a wealth of Facilities Management experience and recently served as the Director of Facilities at UC Berkeley as well as Director of Facilities & Capital Projects at University of Oregon Tech and has a degree in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering.

In addition to his professional experience Brian has a true passion for the construction trades, engineering, boating, boat/auto refurbishing, and everything related to marinas and the ocean. Brian has a wife and two sons and enjoys traveling, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, and sports.



### Monica Broumand - Harbor Patrol Supervisor

After 28 years as a Harbor Patrol officer, Monica Broumand has assumed the position of Harbor Patrol Supervisor. Monica was born and raised in the area and studied Marine Technology at Santa Barbara City College. Before joining the Waterfront Department as crew in 1991, Monica worked a variety of jobs including deadheading (working for free) on the Truth Aquatics Dive boats, and was a Scuba Instructor at Catalina Island Marine Institute.

Monica and her husband of 25 years, Alex, have two adult sons. Monica enjoys boating, fishing, scuba diving, horseback riding and camping. Monica says she considers the Waterfront Department as a second family and is, "proud to be a member of this group of quiet professionals, dedicated to the peace, safety and security of the harbor and its users."

Please join us in welcoming Brian to the Waterfront family and congratulating Monica on a well-deserved promotion!



## Survey Responses Result in Changes

As some of you may recall, last February Waterfront staff sent a security survey to slip permittees. Responses to the survey helped staff develop and prioritize plans for addressing security issues. One area of particular concern for respondents of the survey was security of Marinas 2, 3, and 4 facilities, and the adjacent parking lots.

In response to the survey results, Harbor Patrol increased patrols of these areas. The Department also contracted with Technical Security Integrations to update our older security camera platform and add 19 new high definition security cameras. More cameras can be added to the system in the future if additional areas of concern are identified.

Insufficient nighttime lighting in the main harbor parking lot was also identified as a serious concern by survey respondents. In response, staff has planned and budgeted \$250,000 in lighting upgrades in this area for fiscal year 21/22.

Staff would like to thank those who participated in the survey. The information gathered assists us in creating a more secure facility.



## **"Paradeless" Parade of Lights Recap**

The COVID-19 Pandemic caused the cancellation of most of the usual Parade of Lights festivities like fireworks and Santa's Village but, with a little ingenuity, we were able to save one beloved aspect of the event - the vessel lights contest.

This year we made the contest virtual so there were no crowds and vessels didn't even have to leave their slips to participate. Staff walked the docks and photographed all 25 entries. Instead of the usual VIP judges, we put the photos online and made it possible for anyone to judge and score the entries. We had almost 900 people vote!

The winners of the four categories were:

Commercial Fishing: Bernard Friedman - Perseverance

Commercial Other: Shawn Hughes - Scrub a Dub

Sail: Kyber Logue - Natural Mystic

Power: Aaron and Nicole Laferriere - Coconut

The grand prize winner was Kyber Logue with the Natural Mystic.

This year we were able to secure a four thousand dollar sponsorship from T-Mobile and we took that money and bought gift cards from Harbor and Wharf businesses to be used as prizes.

The event was a great success. Thank you to all who participated!



## Harbor Patrol Rescues Missing Woman

On January 25, at approximately 1645 hours, while on motor patrol Harbor Patrol Officers Ryan Kelly and Eli Brower observed from Stearns Wharf, a fully clothed subject walking out to sea east of the wharf. The officers notified SBPD, requested an ambulance to stage nearby, and attempted to contact the subject, now in the surf, in about waist deep water (air 41°/water 56°). The subject would not respond to the officers, and when she submerged in the water and didn't resurface, Officers Kelly and Brower entered the water and dragged her onto the beach. They loaded the woman onto the back of the patrol 4X4 with Brower as a rider, and transported to the AMR ambulance staged on the bike path. SBPD was on scene and identified the subject by a drivers license photo and physical description, as a reported "Missing/At Risk" subject. They had been trying to locate her all day. AMR transported the subject to Cottage Hospital.

Please join us in commending officers Kelly and Brower for their rapid response and quick thinking.





## Slip Permit Transfer Alternative - Trades!

Jeanette Prusinski, Waterfront Administrative Supervisor

Ever curious about ways you can move into a new slip? Or, do you and some buddies across the fairway talk about trading boats, slips, or both? An Exchange of Permits as described in the Municipal Code (Section 17.20.005 H), affords a current Slip Permittee a number of options.

The most common trade is when slip permittees trade slips while keeping their respective boats. The key to this transaction is if each boat fits in the new slip. Keep in mind that even for the same sized slip classification, not all overhang allowances are the same throughout the marinas.

Another common trade is with a City slip. If you trade with the City, you will be presented with like-for-like options so it's not an opportunity for you to upgrade slip sizes. This may be a good way to move a finger or two over if you are looking for a change in scenery, or if you prefer a port side tie or starboard.

A less common, yet important trade option to know about, involves slips with a greater than five foot difference in length. If, say, you have a 50-footer and want to downsize to a 35-footer, and you know of a party who is looking to upgrade, then you can trade boats and slips. Instead of the \$50.00 administrative processing fee, the City will charge one transfer fee, not one for each party, which is multiplied by the difference in slip length. In this example, it would cost \$7,875.00 (15 feet difference in slip length x \$525 per foot for these slip sizes). You can split the payment between permittees however you prefer.

For questions, please contact Jeanette Prusinski, Administrative Supervisor, at [JPrusinski@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:JPrusinski@SantaBarbaraCA.gov) or (805) 897-1963.

If you'd like to further explore the City's Municipal Code, go to: [www.qcode.us/codes/santabarbara](http://www.qcode.us/codes/santabarbara)

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