On behalf of the Waterfront Department, we are happy to report that we have provided over 34,000 gallons of used oil for collection and disposed of it in an environmentally-friendly way. We also work with local certified used-oil collection centers to provide them with tools and training to help everyone in the community dispose of used oil properly.

The Waterfront Department has provided more than 250,000 free bilge pads to harbor users to help prevent bilge-oil leaks, discharges, and spills in the harbor. By stopping these incidents, we are able to keep our coastal waters clean.

The Waterfront Department has also partnered with CalRecycle to implement the GIVING THANKS WHERE THANKS ARE DUE program. This program helps keep boats off the beach and improves the facility and its business ever since. We are grateful for the support of CalRecycle and other partners who have helped us achieve these goals.

In addition to providing used oil, the Waterfront Department has also participated in various water-quality initiatives, such as the Beach Clean-up Program and the Marine Debris Program. These programs help to keep our beaches clean and protect our marine life.

The Waterfront Department is committed to providing a clean and safe environment for everyone who uses our facilities. We would like to thank all of our partners and stakeholders who have helped us achieve these goals. We look forward to continuing our work in the future.
OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP MAY 6TH
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

The 11th annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 6th. This year we’ll focus on Marina 3, after last year’s effort in Marina 4 brought the 10-year total of removed debris to 17.7 tons.

Typically, Clean Sweep draws 40-50 volunteer dock workers, aided by about a dozen divers from harbor-area dive-service companies. It’s a fun and productive “fishing trip” that yields surprises ranging from barbeques and how pulleys to deck chairs, satellite dishes, cell phones and more. Volunteers enjoy free donuts and cofﬁee in the morning and a free lunch at 11:00 a.m. when the cleanup is finished.

Persons wishing to participate in this year’s event can contact Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 897-2587 or via email at MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET MAY 13TH
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, the 8th annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet will take place on Saturday, May 13th 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. Signs up for vendor spaces ($10 apiece) begin Monday, April 10th.

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 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” will be included in May’s slip billing. The ticket entitles the slip permitee to dispose of any appropriate items from his or her boat or dock box. No ticket is necessary to participate in the Swap Meet. Questions? Call Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 805-897-2587 or email him at MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

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SEA LANDING BOARDWALK
Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

One of the Waterfront Department’s most important responsibilities is maintaining coastal access. During cruise ship visits, the Sea Landing sidewalk is fenced in, requiring sightseers to walk the beach through several outlier ca- nes to get to the Rock Groin. Staff found a way to solve this problem, following a recent trip to Santa Monica, where wooden walkways are common along the city’s extremely wide beach- es. They facilitate getting to the water’s edge in- stead of trudging 500 feet through hot sand.

Based on this model, staff designed and built a wooden walkway running parallel to and just east of the Sea Landing sidewalk, allowing ac- cess to the Rock Groin during cruise-ship visits. Three tile mosaics recovered from the sidewalk along Cabrillo Boulevard add a nice touch to the walkway. The mosaics were removed, then replaced, a couple years ago, when the Gas Company replaced one of its distribution lines. The Gas Company’s contractor was required to dispose of the extracted, perfectly good tiles, but offered them to the Waterfront instead. The new walkway seemed like an ideal new home, embellishing a boardwalk that provides access to one of the best views of the harbor entrance.

NEW MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR NELSON ANDERSON

Change continues blowing through the Facilities Division, with Nelson Anderson recently promoted to Maintenance Supervisor. Nels joined the Waterfront in 2012 as an hourly employee. His skills and hard work immediately apparent, he moved to full-time maintenance worker the same year. Nels has continued rising through the ranks ever since, culminating with his recent promotion.

Nels is a Santa Barbara native and San Marcos High School graduate. He worked in construc- tion for several years before joining the Water- front. He has an excellent work ethic and is very creative coming up with facilities repairs.

Nels is an excellent woodworker and a quick study when it comes to understanding other trades like plumbing and electrical—critical to maintaining a safe, functional harbor. His job duties are shifting from hands-on to more administrative tasks. Nevertheless, Nels is just as good at scheduling, tracking budgets, man- aging contracts, delegating and planning as he is with the trades. We’re lucky to have Nels move up to this important position and look forward to his good work for years to come.

OIL DUMP STATION UPGRADE
Tom Dietz, Waterfront Maintenance Superintendent

To comply with state regulations, maintenance staff will install new Punch-N-Drain Recovery Sta- tions at Marina 2 and Marina 4 used-oil disposal sites. California code requires that all oil filters be drained before being recycled (current filters don’t drain completely without being punctured).

The Department will place the following instructions on how to use the new system, funded by a CalRecycle grant, at each station:

1. PLACE OIL FILTER ON FUNNEL RACK
2. USING PUNCH-HAMMER, CAREFULLY PUNCH HOLE IN TOP OF FILTER
3. FLIP FILTER OVER AND ALLOW TO DRAIN COMPLETELY
4. DISPOSE OF DRAINED OIL FILTER IN OIL FILTER RECYCLING BIN

Thank you for helping the Department meet these requirements and for helping keep our harbor clean. Questions? Contact maintenance at 564-5522.

VESSEL TURN-IN PROGRAM
Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

The Waterfront Department has participated in the state’s Vessel Turn-In (grant) Program (VTIP) since it was established in 2010. The program encourages vessel owners to voluntarily “sur- render” aging and deteriorating boats instead of selling them for next to nothing (the proverbial $1 boat) and allowing them to continue de- teriorating while anchored east of Stearns Wharf. Owners of $1 boats often don’t have the means to responsibly care for their newly acquired vessels. These anchored derelict boats are of- ten abandoned, sink or wash ashore, creating significant environmental and public-safety hazards, as well as significantly higher removal costs than if they had been turned in.

Santa Barbara boaters embraced the program during the past two years. The Waterfront De- partment accepted 20 VTIP boats in 2016 and four in the first two months of 2017. During this time, the number of boats anchored east of Stearns Wharf has dropped to all-time lows.

Anyone wishing to surrender their aging boat to the Waterfront Department should contact Har- bor Patrol Supervisor Steve McCullough at (805) 564-5530.