



# Docklines

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## ELECTRIC SUBMETERS Promoting Energy Conservation

*Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager*

The City of Santa Barbara has a longstanding tradition of promoting sustainable practices, one of which is conserving energy. AC electricity is provided to over 1,100 slips in the harbor, at an average annual cost of \$180,000. Electrical use among the four marinas is the third highest of all City facilities, behind the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant and the airport terminal.

No extra fee or surcharge is currently added to slip fees for electricity or other utilities/services such as water, natural gas, or janitorial. Since no one pays for individual use of electricity, there exists no incentive to conserve. In fact, there is a tremendous disparity of electrical use among boaters. Preliminary meter-reading results indicate that approximately 1/3 of all boats use little or no electricity, while 20% of boats use 80% of the electricity. This cannot be attributed entirely

to liveaboards, who you would expect to use more electricity. With so few boats using so much electricity, having everyone pay for their respective use is fair and will provide an incentive to conserve.

Installing electric submeters at all harbor slips has been a significant task. Fortunately, two projects were planned in 2007 that incorporated installation of submeters at all slips. The projects took nine years (completed in 2018), providing the necessary infrastructure to track individual use and charge slip permittees accordingly.

Before implementing an electrical fee, the Waterfront Department will provide slip permittees two months' worth of each boat's electrical-use data, so permittees can review their use and consider ways to conserve. After that, slip permittees will be billed at the same rate Southern California Edison charges the harbor.

A few practical tips for conserving electricity on boats include reducing moisture with a dehumidifier instead of a heater, running electrical systems off DC electrical systems (batteries) instead of AC, and using solar panels or wind generators to charge batteries. More details on the Electric Submetering Program, including proposed budget adjustments, can be found on the Waterfront's website.

<https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/hc>



## DREDGING Federal Appropriations Continue

The Santa Barbara Harbor entrance is a designated Federal Channel, authorized for annual dredge funding by the Federal Rivers and Harbors Act. Santa Barbara has been fortunate to receive that funding for decades.

The President's recently released budget includes \$3.62 million in Santa Barbara Harbor dredge funds for next fiscal year (October through September). It's not uncommon for Congress and the President to remain at odds and defer adopting a budget indefinitely, but they do approve Continuing Resolutions (CRs) that either partially fund the government or put time limits on funding. Fortunately, CRs usually equal a majority percentage of a proposed budget or recently adopted budget. The fact that Santa Barbara Harbor is included in the proposed budget is a good sign that should help green-light dredging for another year.

Spring-cycle dredging is scheduled to begin in



early April. Winter swells deposited a lot of sand in the channel off the tip of the sandspit by the #11 (green) navigation buoy. The buoy's mooring gear is buried in 10' of sand and can't be moved to deeper water, so mariners should exercise caution when entering or leaving the harbor, giving this area a wide berth. Pacific Dredge is in the last year of a 3-year contract and will remove all dredge pipes off West Beach and East Beach (as well as its dredge yard) after completing spring-cycle dredging.

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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

### SPRING WATERFRONT EVENTS AROUND THE CORNER

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

The 13th annual **Operation Clean Sweep**, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 18th, 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 the sea-urchin dock, Fish Float North, and City Pier, after last's year's effort in Marina 2 brought the 12-year total of debris removed to 21.2 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. Volunteers enjoy a (really good) 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](mailto:MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).



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### ...HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET MAY 25TH

Sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, the 10th annual **Harbor Nautical Swap Meet** will take place Saturday, May 25th 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 rigging and parts. Signups for vendor spaces (\$10 apiece) begin Monday, April 8th.

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 on May 25th, 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 get rid 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 slip permittee to dispose of any appropriate items from their boat or dock box. No ticket is necessary to participate in the Swap Meet.

Questions?  
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## HARBOR NEWS

### PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE WATERFRONT

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

**Karina Arroyo** joined the Waterfront Department as Accounting Assistant in February 2019, but she's certainly no stranger to the City. A native Santa Barbaran, Karina first honed her accounting skills at SBCC, then by working for the Parks and Recreation and Finance departments since 2011. Karina's mom and dad also work for the City, so the organization, in her words, "is like family."

Coming to the Waterfront was especially sweet, she says, "To feel like you're working outdoors all the time; the air is fresh and the people are great. I'm just thrilled to be here." In her off time, Karina enjoys beach walks with her boyfriend and settling in with one of several books she's reading. Please welcome her to her new position.



Karina Arroyo

**Samantha Casey**, our new Harbor Operations Assistant, came aboard in October 2018. Samantha grew up in Virginia and Illinois before serving a five-year hitch in the Army, working in satellite communications. Samantha has been a great addition to our team, proving very competent at the front counter, answering detailed questions about a range of marina management issues.

As if the Waterfront wasn't busy enough, Samantha and her husband Justin are raising four children at their Ojai residence, plus she's pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration, which she'll complete in about six weeks. And what does Samantha do in her free time? "I'll let you know in six weeks," she says with a smile. Meanwhile, please say "hi" to Samantha when you see her at our administration office.



Samantha Casey

**Emily Gularte**, Executive Assistant to the Waterfront Director, is also a Santa Barbara native,

and no stranger to government employment. She worked for a time at the County as a business specialist in the Mental Health Department, then came to the City in Community Development. Moreover, her father and mother-in-law have both worked for the City. Now she supports the Waterfront Director and serves as Harbor Commission Secretary. Emily spends her "free" time with her eight children, and loves to draw—especially animals and landscapes. Please say "hi," when you see her, and welcome Emily to her new position.



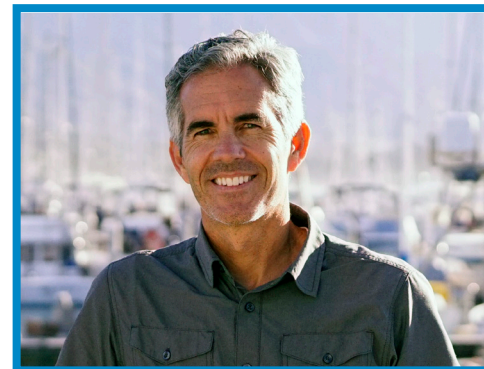
Emily Gularte

**Chris Bell**, Administrative Analyst, brought his knowledge and expertise to the Department in March 2019. Chris assumes the role and responsibilities formerly held by Dominique Samario, who recently took a new position with the City of Goleta.

Born in Visalia, the son of educators and grandson of farmers, Chris attended USC in journalism, where he also played collegiate water polo. He first worked in Los Angeles as a location scout before ultimately migrating to Santa Barbara where he attended SBCC's Marine Diving Technology Program, participating in some local underwater "shoots." He also worked as Harbor Patrol crew, and as an urchin tender for veteran diver Michael Harrington, before his internal passion drew him back to film.

Recently, Chris worked as editor/producer at City TV (Channel 18). During that stint, he and his team won a regional Emmy Award for a documentary history of Santa Barbara called *Impressions in Time*.

During his free time, Chris enjoys surfing, beach volleyball, and spending time with his wife Marilee and children Eliza and Jasper.



Chris Bell

### SAFE BOATING FOR SUMMERTIME AND BEYOND

Erik Engebretson, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

National Safe Boating Week will run from May 21<sup>st</sup> through the Memorial Day weekend, and with summer fast approaching, it's a great time to review safe-boating practices while having fun with family and friends. Here are some important reminders:

Carry and wear mandatory, properly fitted USCG-approved life preservers (PFDs) for each person on board, plus other safety equipment required by the USCG. Operate your vessel at a safe speed and designate a lookout to watch for other boats, swimmers, wildlife, and various objects floating in or on the water. Don't mix boating with alcohol. More than half of all marine fatalities are alcohol-related.

With increased boating, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding, it's everyone's responsibility to respect the rights of other harbor users. Be courteous and patient with other boaters. Show consideration, especially to those who may be new to boating. And please keep noise levels down. This is particularly important in harbors like ours that accommodate live-aboards.

Let them 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 emergency 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.

Know the latest marine weather forecast and monitor changing conditions.

Rules and laws differ from state to state and violations can result in tickets, fines, or jail. Pick up a free copy of "The ABCs of California Boating Law" at the Harbormaster's Office.

No better time to take a boating class. Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron 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 at the Harbor Patrol look forward to seeing you on the water having fun and staying safe.



Photo courtesy of the The U.S. Coast Guard



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Power Squadron

### Changes Coming to Parking Regulations

Santa Barbara's waterfront and beaches are extremely popular, but our parking lots can only handle a finite number of vehicles. That's where it gets tricky. Waterfront staff, who work under a state mandate to provide coastal access to the general public, is responsible for recommending rules and regulations that accommodate every imaginable interest, from slip permittees to local ocean enthusiasts to families visiting from other countries. Everyone, in short, has a right to use our parking lots.

Waterfront staff is currently working on proposed changes to parking regulations that will attempt to reasonably accommodate boaters, local residents, and visitors alike. Stay tuned for a public forum on the proposed changes, likely in April or May. Notices will be posted at marina gates well ahead of the meeting. We encourage your attendance and input.

### ...and Parking Services Hours on Stearns Wharf

Currently, parking hours of operation on Stearns Wharf vary depending on the season and generally run from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. As recently discussed at the February 7, 2019, meeting of the Stearns Wharf Business Association, beginning July 1, 2019, parking hours of operation on Stearns Wharf will change to 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Waterfront Parking staff will remain in the kiosk at the base of the Wharf to collect parking fees until 10 p.m. The new hours of operation will align with all other Waterfront Parking Lots and provide additional nightly oversight, especially during busy summer months and the holiday season.

## WATCHLOG

### News from Harbor Patrol





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## 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/)

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## CATAMARAN BEACH PERMITS AVAILABLE APRIL 5TH

"Cat Beach" permits are available starting 8:00 a.m. on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> for those wishing to store a catamaran on the east end of Leadbetter Beach. Permits cost \$200 and are limited to one per person. The catamaran storage season runs from the first Friday of April through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Your catamaran must be no longer than 26 feet and no wider than 13 feet. To apply, please come to the Waterfront Office with your personal identification and current vessel registration. The permits are sold on first-come-first-served basis, up to 65 permits total. Questions? Please call the Waterfront Administration Office at (805) 564-5531.



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## DOCK REPLACEMENT

*Karl Treiberg,  
Waterfront Facility Manager*

Waterfront maintenance staff has incrementally replaced finger docks in Marinas 2, 3, and 4 several times over the years. These wooden docks require more frequent replacement than concrete docks in Marina 1, which can last up to 40 years. Worn wooden docks, however, get pretty hard on bare feet and begin to lose their structural integrity after 10 to 20 years.

Replacing all wood-dock marinas at once is cost prohibitive (over \$6 million per marina), so staff has systematically replaced at least 10 wooden finger docks every year. All the finger docks in Marinas 2 and 3 have been replaced within the past 12 years and we have been working on Marina 4 finger docks the past two years.

The next set of finger docks scheduled for replacement are on Marina 4A and 4B. These docks vary in length from 35' to 51'. Each dock replacement includes new plastic floats, new under-framing with wood deck boards, plus rub rail and corner bumpers. We plan to replace eight fingers docks in Marina 4 and the Marina 3A endtie this year. Maintenance staff will complete these projects. Each dock is built in our maintenance yard, trailered to the launch ramp, and floated into place. The process lasts about two working days, minimizing displacement of slip holders' boats to temporary locations.

## 2019 EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 18	Operation Clean Sweep
May 25	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 12	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 8	Parade of Lights

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for more details

## 2019 REGULAR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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