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.

CATAMARAN BEACH PERMITS AVAILABLE APRIL 5TH
“Cat Beach” permits are available starting 8:00 a.m. on Friday April 5th 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 31st. Catamarans must not be 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 Waterfront Office is located at 132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

DOCK REPLACEMENT
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 last 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 Marinas 4A and 4B. These docks vary in length from 35’ to 51’. Each dock replacement includes new plastic floats, new under-framing with wood dock boards, plus rib and corner bumpers. We plan to replace eight fingers docks in Marina 4 and the Marina 3A ending 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.

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ELECTRIC SUBMETERS Promoting Energy Conservation
Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

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DOCK REPLACEMENT - Incremental Replacement Continues

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Sponsored by the Harbor 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 and enjoy good company, coffee, and donuts at this uniquely local event. Typical sale items include sailboat rigging, fishing gear, and settling in with one of several books she's reading. Please welcome her to her new position.

Samantha Casey, our new Harbor Operations Assistant, came aboard in October 2018. Samantha is from Santa Barbara and Illinois, having been 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 marine 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.

Chris Bell, Administrative Analyst, brought his knowledge and expertise to the Department in March 2019. Chris assists in the planning and development of programs and policies, and works under a state mandate that accommodate every imaginable interest, from slip permittees to local ocean enthusiasts to families and tourists with other boats. Everyone, in short, has a right to use our parking lots.

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SPRING WATERFRONT EVENTS AROUND THE CORNER

Karina Arroyo joined the Waterfront Department as Accounting Assistant in February 2019, but she’s certainly no stranger to the City. A native Santa Barbara, 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 sitting in on one of several books she’s reading. Please welcome her to her new position.

Emily Calarca, 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.

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Samantha Casey

Emily Calarca

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager
The 11th annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 18th, from 8 a.m. to noon. The event kicks off with coffee, donuts, and a briefing on the FaceLift 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 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 barbeques 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.

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Emily Gularte, Administrative Analyst, brought his knowledge and expertise to the Department in March 2019, and brings much to the team. He was 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 Diversity Technology Program, participating in some local underwater “shoots.” He also worked as Harbor Patrol crew, and as an usher for veteran director Michael Harrington, before his internal promotion drew him back to films.

Recently, Chris worked as editor/productor 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.

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With increased boating, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding, it’s everyone’s responsibility to respect the rights of other harbor users; the courteous and patient with other boaters. Show courtesy, 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 all can contribute to your safety.

Know the latest marine weather forecast and monitor changing conditions.

SAFE BOATING FOR SUMMERTIME AND BEYOND

Erik Engbrecht, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

National Safe Boating Week will run from May 21st 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 jackets 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.

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No better time to take a boating class, Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (info@sbassd.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.

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 increased access to the general public, are responsible for recommending and implementing parking 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 nighttime oversight, especially during busy summer months and the holiday season.
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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.

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