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## FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET AND FEE CHANGES

Brian J. Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager

Fiscal Year revenues for 2016 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) appear to be slowing slightly from Fiscal Year 2015, though the Department is on track to meet its budget obligations. The Department continues to maintain 100% occupancy in slip and lease rentals.

During Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) the Department expects to fund approximately \$3M in capital improvement projects, including repairs to the Launch Ramp parking lot, Stearns Wharf pile and timber repair, replacement of Marinas 2, 3, and 4 end ties, continued re-decking of Marina 4 and a Marina 2 restroom remodel. Fiscal Year 2017 will also include Phase 7 of the Marina 1 Replacement Project: fingers E, F, and G.

Fee increases are necessary to complete these projects, maintain the Harbor, Stearns Wharf, and other Waterfront facilities and keep the Department's emergency and construction reserves at required levels.

Fee increases proposed for July 1, 2016 include:

- Slip fee increase of 2%;
- Slip 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;
- Liveaboard fee increase from \$140 per month to \$150 per month; and,
- Cruise ship fee change from \$5 for passengers and crew to \$7 for passengers only.

Waterfront staff reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget, including proposed fee increases, with the Harbor Commission in February and March, 2016. City Council reviewed the Waterfront Department's proposed budget at a May 11th work session and the City's Finance Committee reviewed the proposed fee adjustments on May 17th. City Council is scheduled to adopt the City's overall budget on June 21st. The entire proposed City budget can be found on the Finance Department's homepage at: [www.santabarbaraca.gov](http://www.santabarbaraca.gov)

## DockLines

City of Santa Barbara  
Waterfront Department

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## SAFE BOATING - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Erik Engebretson, Harbor Patrol Officer

National Safe Boating Week ran from May 21st through the Memorial Day weekend. It was a great reminder of the importance of safety and responsibility while operating vessels on all different bodies of water. With summer upon us, it's a good time to continue practicing boating safety while having fun with friends and family. Here are some tips:

### Travel Responsibly

Carry and wear the mandatory, properly fitted,

USCG-approved life jacket for each person on board and carry 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 and on the water. Don't mix boating with alcohol. More than half of all marine fatalities are alcohol-related.

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## A STORY A MOTHER COULD LOVE

*Anthony Lombardi, Harbor Patrol Officer*

On May 15th, Harbor Patrol received calls from several commercial boat captains describing a sea lion pup laying on the chest of a man in a kayak inside the harbor. One captain said four people were taking “selfies” with the pup. Bizarre, to say the least.

I responded by patrol boat to the scene, where I saw two females on SUP’s taking photos of a male on a kayak with the sea lion pup on his chest. The pup did indeed look comfortable with his new human companion, but I explained to him the legal prohibitions and dangers related to handling marine mammals. Expressing concern for the sea lion’s health, the young paddler passed the pup over to the Harbor Patrol boat, where it barked out, seemingly for its mother.

I took the sea lion pup to the Harbor Patrol Office, then contacted the director of the Channel Islands Marine Wildlife Institute (CIMWI), and told her about the rescue. She said that due to the age of the pup, it would likely not be a good candidate for rehabilitation. Working through options, we decided that the pup’s best survival opportunity would be to release it back into the wild, where it might reconnect with its mother. We decided to wait until near sunset to take the pup out to release it, allowing it a chance to find its mother with fewer people on the water to interfere.

I took the pup on the patrol boat and went to the area where the kayakers found it. There were no sea lions there, so chances of the pup ending up on a dock or stranded on a beach were high. I continued to the Harbor entrance buoy (green #3), where a large bull sea lion and a female sea lion welcomed me with grunts and barks. The male stayed put. The female jumped off. Alongside the buoy, I reached down and grabbed a cage that was the pup’s temporary home, opened its front latch and tried placing the animal on the top of the buoy. It jumped on the buoy, only to miss its landing spot and fall into the water next to the boat. Simultaneously, the large bull sea lion went in too.

The pup began barking again. The bull appeared agitated but unsure what to do with this young intruder. The female sea lion came up to the pup, mouth to mouth, then submerged the pup completely. Both animals disappeared into the darkness. I thought for a moment I had just sent this pup to its death.

The female then surfaced with the pup next to it, both barking frantically at each other. Visibly tired from circling the base of the buoy, the pup cried out again to the female and tried to swim onto its back. The female then grabbed the pup behind the neck by its mouth and submerged again.

Moments later, the female launched out of the water with the pup still in its mouth. It attempted to land on top of the buoy, only to be stopped by a cross-member on the buoy. Both animals fell back in the water. The female struggled to find another way onto the buoy. The large bull sea lion stayed near the buoy but well clear of the female. Again the female sea lion disappeared below the surface with the pup in its jaws, then leapt out of the water, this time successfully landing on the buoy. She then pushed the pup closer to her tail and wedged their bodies together. The large bull sea lion attempted to jump on the buoy as well, but was met by the barking female and a mouth full of teeth. She successfully guarded the buoy as the bull sea lion made several unsuccessful attempts to “come aboard.” The large bull eventually headed to another buoy to haul out.

I was about to leave the scene thinking this female had possibly adopted a pup, when I saw her nursing it—a sign that possibly, just possibly, mother and pup had successfully reunited. Both were seen on the buoy for several days that week and looked to be in good shape.



*City of Santa Barbara Photo:  
The story’s featured sea lion pup*



*City of Santa Barbara Photo:  
Sea lions lounging on “their” green buoy*



## Clean Marina Corner

### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP RETURNS TO ITS ROOTS

The tenth annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, took place on Saturday, May 7th. Sixteen divers and 40+ dock volunteers (the highest turnout yet) removed 1.5 tons of debris from beneath Marina 4 docks, where Clean Sweep originated a decade ago. This brings the total weight of debris removed from the harbor over 10 annual events to 17.7 tons. Items removed this year included bicycles, trash cans, barbecues, dock carts, crab receivers, step ladders, tarps, a fiberglass skiff, three toilets (who throws toilets in the harbor?) and one marine battery.

Staff wishes to thank the volunteer corps for their spirited efforts, from folks who show up every year to newcomers who joined this year. Dive companies like Salty Dog Dive Service, Monterey Diving and Scrub-a-Dub Dive Service were again instrumental in locating seafloor debris. Dockside, volunteers from NOAA, Santa Barbara Surfrider Foundation, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, and the Maritime Museum, plus local citizens and businesses, contributed time and energy to the effort.

Next year the event heads back to Marina 3, where two tons of junk were removed last time around.



City of Santa Barbara Photos: 2016 Clean Sweep



### RECORD ATTENDANCE AT HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

A record 58 vendors participated in the 7th annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet on May 14th. Hundreds of community members jammed the Marina 3 parking lot, enjoying great deals on everything from \$100 paddle boards to boat rigging, fishing gear, dive gear, kayaks, skiffs, motors, pumps and so much more. All while enjoying free coffee, donuts, bagels and fruit,



City of Santa Barbara Photo: 2016 Harbor Nautical Swap Meet

care of the Harbor Merchants Association, the designated beneficiary of this popular event.

In concert with the Swap Meet, 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.

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



City of Santa Barbara Photo: A boater turns in hazardous materials

## HARBOR NEWS

### SAFE BOATING

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#### Respect the Rights of Others

With increased boating, kayaking and paddle-boarding, it's everyone's responsibility to respect the rights of others on the water. 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 have live-aboards.

#### File a Float Plan With a Relative or Friend

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 piece of emergency equipment on board. VHF radios, cell phones, satellite phones, emergency position indicating radio beacons and personal locator beacons can all contribute to your safety.

#### Check the Weather

Know the latest marine weather forecast and monitor changing conditions.

#### Know California State Boating Laws

Rules and laws can 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.

#### Educate Yourself

Take a boating class, check weather conditions, obtain charts of your destinations. Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron (805) 570-2991 and USCG Auxillary (info@cgauxsb.org) offer free vessel safety checks and boating-safety classes.

I hope safe boating 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.



National Safe Boating Council WEAR IT! Logo

### WATERFRONT MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT JUDD CONLEY RETIRES

*Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager*

Judd Conley has worked at the Waterfront for over 30 years and has seen it all. He recently announced his retirement this August so we decided to ask him a few questions about his career.

#### Tell us about the beginning of your career at the Waterfront.

I started off as a maintenance worker on Stearns Wharf in December 1980, before the Waterfront was a separate City department. I worked in the Parking Division in 1984 when City Council, including Hal Conklin, established the Waterfront Department. I returned to maintenance in 1984 and was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor on Stearns Wharf in 1986. I spent most of my time on the Wharf until 1998, when I came over to the harbor and assumed supervisory responsibility for both the harbor and the Wharf.

#### You rose quickly through the ranks. To what do you attribute your success?

I was fortunate to have really good staff and support from management. I was allowed to develop my skills and manage Waterfront facilities without being micromanaged. I continued to surround myself with competent staff and we managed to complete our work efficiently. Some people say I have a good sense of humor and I think that's helped maintain good morale.

#### What are some of the most memorable events you experienced?

I've seen fires, windstorms, tsunamis, big swells, and floods over the years. The years 1983, 1995, and 1998 produced lots of rain (flooding the Waterfront), big waves and lots of damage. One event that didn't get much press was a windstorm in 1987, when the roof of the Old Wharf Trading Company building blew off. It flew over the building and landed on one of our trucks. I haven't seen anything like that since.

#### Any parting thoughts?

I've worked with hundreds of great people over the years and enjoy seeing many of them succeed in our community. Thanks for all the good memories.



City of Santa Barbara Photo: Judd Conley



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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 Recycling Center 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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To:

Have a sunny and safe summer!



## WATERFRONT PARKING PERMITS—GET YOURS TODAY!

*Cesar Barrios, Waterfront Parking Supervisor*

Residents or visitors who frequent Santa Barbara's Waterfront Parking Lots are encouraged to purchase Annual Waterfront Parking Permits. General permits cost \$90 and slip-permittee permits (one per slip) cost \$70. Permits are valid from the date of purchase through December 31, 2016. General permits are available at the Harbormaster's Office and all Waterfront parking kiosks (except Stearns Wharf). Slip-permittee permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office. For Waterfront Parking details contact the Parking Office at 897-1965.

## MARINE SERVICES OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The former longtime site of TransPac Marine at 117-G Harbor Way is now home to Marine Services, and the 490-square-foot-space has a brand new look.

The transformation started with Waterfront staff replacing dated windows and doors and stripping the inside down to bare bones. Marine Services then took over and installed new flooring and painted and furnished the interior. Centerpiece of the revamped space is a custom, black-walnut front counter.

Marine Services sells general and special-order marine-related parts including filters, impellers, alternator belts, oil, coolant, etc. The space provides a showroom for various products such as Yanmar engines and Kohler generators, outboard motors and inflatable boats.

If you're in the area, please stop by the new space and learn how staff at Marine Services can make your boating experience even better.

## 2016 Upcoming Events Schedule

May 7	Operation Clean Sweep
May 14	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 15	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 11	Parade of Lights

Visit

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

## 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule of the Santa Barbara Harbor Commission

January 14	July 21
February 18	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

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