



# Docklines

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## New Marine Mammal Response Operation Coming to the Harbor

*Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director*

Please welcome the Harbor's newest tenant, Channel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute (CIMWI), whose primary work is rescuing and rehabilitating sick, injured, malnourished, orphaned, entangled, or oiled marine mammals.

CIMWI is the only organization authorized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service to respond (in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties) to live or deceased pinnipeds (seals and sea lions), live or deceased sea turtles, and live cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises). They also rehabilitate live pinnipeds and provide medical treatment to live cetaceans and sea turtles.

CIMWI's harbor presence offers several benefits, including public safety, educational outreach,

experienced, technical treatment for injured animals, and reduced marine-mammal colonization of harbor facilities like docks, bait barges, and vessel swim steps—problems plaguing Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Newport harbors, plus Pier 39 in San Francisco.

CIMWI's lease site, adjacent to the rock groin, will allow permanent docking of their vessel(s) so they can quickly and efficiently respond to the region's marine mammal population. CIMWI President Dr. Sam Dover also acts as its Chief Veterinarian, having practiced marine mammal medicine for over 29 years. Sam's wife Ruth Dover serves as CIMWI's Vice President and Director of Business Operations.

Interested in volunteering with CIMWI? Call 567-1506 or email them at [info@CIMWI.org](mailto:info@CIMWI.org).

## A New Guardrail for Stearns Wharf

*Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager*

Built in 1872, Stearns Wharf originally had no guardrails, as it was used primarily for loading and offloading ships' cargo. Guardrails were then incrementally added until 1981, when, after a devastating fire, it reopened with a guardrail hemming the entire wharf, except for its seaward finger. The intent was to continue to load and offload passengers and cargo from this limited area.

Circumstances, however, have changed. In particular, the Wharf is no longer used to offload cargo. Virtually all cargo (mostly from commercial fishing) is offloaded on the south side of the City Pier in the harbor. Additionally, a passenger loading ramp was installed in 1990, allowing passengers to board boats and exit to and from the Wharf for whale watching, harbor tours, and ship visits.

A "people counter" installed at the foot of Stearns Wharf a few years ago has documented over one million pedestrians and a quarter-million vehicles accessing it annually. With so many people and no protection to keep them from accidentally falling off the Wharf deck, the Department decided it was time to install a guardrail around its seaward finger.

Staff mocked up four different alternatives, each reviewed by the City's Architectural Board of Review, which settled on a cable-rail design that preserves views while meeting building code requirements. Construction is underway with completion expected prior to July 4th, one of the Wharf's busiest days of the year.



*City of S.B. Photo: New cable railing on Stearns Wharf*

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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

### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP—THE RESULTS ARE IN

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

Sixty volunteers, including a dozen divers and over 45 dock workers, removed two tons of seafloor junk from beneath Marina 2 on May 5th, bringing the program's 12-year total to 21.2 tons. This year's haul equals the two tons removed from beneath Marina 2 the last time the area was "cleaned" in 2008. Items removed this year included two dozen shellfish receivers, an oven, trash cans, hand tools, buoys, a bicycle, a refrigerator, beach chairs, a sail bag, a tire, two toilets, a marine battery and a 500-pound iron keel (the latter lifted with a winch on Patrol Boat #3)

Staff wishes to thank this year's stalwart volunteers, including Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Santa Barbara Surfrider Foundation, the Maritime Museum, NOAA, Salty Dog Dive Service, Scrub-A-Dub Dive Service, Monterey Diving, SBCC, UCSB, local citizens, and Harbor Commissioners Stedman, Sloan, and Cramer. Next May, we'll tackle the Sea Urchin dock and Cabrillo Landing, plus Fish Float north, adjacent to the City Pier.



*City of S. B. Photo: 2018 Clean Sweep volunteers*



### CITY PIER HOISTS—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

In Santa Barbara Harbor, boaters enjoy access to four public hoists on the City Pier, all available at affordable rates. To avoid confusion, let's review each hoist, all of which operate with quarters.

Hoist #1: (closest to the breakwater): Tripod hoist with a 1,000-pound lifting capacity  
Costs: \$.25 = 2.5 minutes | \$1.00 = 10 minutes | \$6.00 = 60 minutes

Hoist #2: Tripod hoist with a 1,000-pound lifting capacity  
Costs: \$.25 = 2.5 minutes | \$1.00 = 10 minutes | \$6.00 = 60 minutes

Hoist #3: Tripod hoist with a 2,000-pound lifting capacity  
Costs: \$.25 = 2 minutes | \$1.25 = 10 minutes | \$7.50 = 60 minutes

Hoist #4: (north side of the City Pier, next to the fuel dock) A stiff-leg "pedestal" hoist with a 5,000-pound lifting capacity  
Costs: \$.25 = 1 minute, 15 seconds | \$3.00 = 15 mins. | \$6.00 = 30 mins. | \$12 = 60 mins.

Hoists are available on a first-come, first-served basis, except for Hoist #4. Due to its considerable lifting capacity and desired use for "picking" everything from engines to boats to huge bags of harvested kelp, Hoist #4 can be reserved within a week of its intended use. Reservations are free, and can be applied to any time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., M - F. Hoist #4 may not be reserved on weekends. Please contact the Harbor Office (564-5531) to reserve Hoist #4, and please reserve it for no more than the time necessary to complete anticipated work.



*Damian Gadal Photo: City Pier hoists at work*

## HARBOR NEWS

### FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET AND FEE CHANGES

*Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director*

Waterfront revenues for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) are expected to slightly exceed budget projections. The Department continues to maintain 100% occupancy in slip and lease rentals. Stearns Wharf and the Harbor continue to grow in popularity as visitor destinations.

During Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019), the Department expects to fund approximately \$1.1M in capital improvements. Existing projects that will continue in FY 2019 include our Stearns Wharf Heavy Timber and Pile Replacement Program (\$425,000), Marina Renovation Program (\$275,000, including continued replacement of Marina 4 dock fingers and replacing Marina 3 end-ties), and Parking Lot Maintenance (\$95,000), which will focus on the Garden Street Parking Lot and the Harbor 90-minute lots. New projects for FY 2019 include a Harbor Way sidewalk on the west side of the U.S. Coast Guard Building (\$125,000) and replacement of Fish Hoists #1 and #2 on the City Pier (\$150,000).

As in prior years, 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, 2018 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 or 30-foot slips or designated Commercial Fishing Slips;
- Slip permittee annual parking permit increase from \$70 to \$95. Last increase was July 1, 2006;
- Annual (general) parking permit increase from \$100 to \$125. Last increase was July 1, 2015;
- Visiting/Transient Vessel Fee for vessels 70 feet and above increase from \$1.00 per linear foot to \$1.50 per linear foot;
- Annual West Beach Rack Permit increase from \$1,000 to \$1,100;
- Provide five (5) key cards per slip account or visiting vessel (currently 9) at a charge of \$7 for card-style keys or \$12 for fob-style keys; and,
- Increase the charge for key cards or fobs in excess of five (5) cards per slip account or visiting vessel to \$100 per key card or fob.

Waterfront staff reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget, including the proposed fee increases, with the Harbor Commission in February, March, and April 2018. The City's Finance Committee reviewed the proposed fee adjustments on May 15th, and City Council reviewed the Waterfront Department's proposed budget at a May 7th work session. City Council adopted the City's overall budget on June 19th. The entire proposed City budget can be found on the City of Santa Barbara's Finance Department homepage at: [www.santabarbaraca.gov/finance](http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/finance)

### COBBLE REMOVAL AT MARINA FOUR

*Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager*

Shallow-water cobble piles have proved a nuisance for the Santa Barbara Sailing (SBSC) for years, with some facilities actually grounding ("bottoming out") at extreme low tides. Interior harbor dredging in 2006 attempted to improve this condition, but without success. Complicating matters, conventional marine construction equipment used for this type of work is very expensive to procure and operate, so we've been trying to ascertain the most feasible, least expensive way to remove the rocks ever since.

Recently, opportunity arose during the demolition phase of replacing the seawall guardrail from Marina 2 to Marina 4 (a building code upgrade required to prevent small children from falling through the rail). With the old guardrail removed, it allowed a contractor to use conventional earth-moving equipment instead of specialized marine construction equipment to remove the cobbles. During project design, it became apparent that a small excavator could stage on the sidewalk, reach into the water and remove the cobbles. The project was put out to bid, and fortunately the contractor who submitted the lowest bid was

also a contractor who helped rebuild the launch ramp a few years ago—a benefit, since excavating underwater in zero visibility requires a delicate touch to remove cobbles without over-excavating the foot of the seawall.

With cobbles removed, SBSC should have more room to operate and hopefully stay afloat during extreme low tides.



*City of S. B. Photo: Cobble excavation*



## MARINA GATE KEY CARD EXCHANGE

In an effort to reduce the number of marina gate key cards in circulation, Waterfront staff has created a plan to replace them all. Using Blackboard Connect, our web-based messaging system, every slip permittee will be contacted over the next several months and given a time to exchange their key cards for new ones. The new key cards are coded specifically to Santa Barbara Harbor, which will help staff identify cards issued to each slip permittee if they are lost or stolen.

The number and cost of key cards allowed for each slip permittee or visitor are described in the Waterfront's Fee Resolution adopted by City Council. The previous Fee Resolution allowed for nine key cards issued at a cost of \$7 for cards and \$12 for fobs, with unlimited additional ones issued at a cost of \$25 for cards and \$30 for fobs. In an effort to avoid proliferation of key cards, Harbor Commission recently reviewed this policy and recommended that a limit of five key cards be issued to slip permittees or visitors, with extra key cards (or fobs) issued at a cost of \$100 each.

Since existing slip permittees have already paid for their gate keys, new key cards and fobs will be exchanged for free. Slip permittees must bring in their old key cards in order for the free exchange. New key cards will still cost \$7 or \$12 dollars up to five and every key card (or fob) in excess of five will cost \$100—including cards numbering greater than five requested by slip permittees exchanging their existing cards. This may inconvenience some slip permittees, but reducing the number of key cards in circulation is essential for improving security in the marinas and other access-controlled facilities, like restrooms.

## WATERFRONT AWARDED NATIONAL GRANT TO KEEP CIGARETTE LITTER OUT OF OCEAN

*Dominique Samario, Administrative Analyst*

In the coming months you might notice a new fixture around Santa Barbara Harbor and on Stearns Wharf. Thanks to a grant from Keep America Beautiful, the Waterfront purchased 15 receptacles to provide visitors a place to extinguish and discard their cigarettes. The stainless steel cigarette receptacles go hand-in-hand with citywide outreach to promote Santa Barbara as a Smoke-Free City. The smoking-ban ordinance passed in fall 2017 and since then staff put a plan in motion to erect signage notifying residents and visitors that no smoking is allowed in public places. Waterfront staff saw an opportunity to save on implementation costs through Keep America Beautiful's Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) grant. The CLPP is the nation's largest program aimed at eliminating cigarette litter.

Some facts: Cigarette butts remain the most littered item in the U.S. Dropping cigarette butts or cigar tips to the ground, putting them in planters, and disposing of them in waterways is littering. Littering cigarette butts and cigar tips is unsightly, costly to clean up, and harmful to waterways and wildlife. In fact, 32% of litter at storm drains is tobacco products. Litter traveling through storm drains and water systems ends up in local creeks and, often, our beaches, harbor, and ocean.

While areas inside marina gates are exempted from the smoking ban, please dispose of cigarette butts and cigar tips responsibly. To encourage proper disposal while on your boat, Waterfront staff also received 500 "butt buckets," a.k.a. mobile cigarette receptacles. They are available free at the Waterfront Administration counter as long as supplies last. For additional information on our Smoke-Free City, visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Smoking](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Smoking) or call Dominique Samario, Administrative Analyst, at 805-897-1962.

## SPEED LIMIT IN THE STEARNS WHARF WYE

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

By now, it should be no surprise that vessels travelling in the harbor must maintain speeds not exceeding five nautical miles per hour, with no wake. The Stearns Wharf Wye, however, is not technically part of the harbor. That said, it's frequented by various small vessels, typically skiffs motoring to and from East Beach moorings and anchorages, plus kayaks, SUPs, and sailboats. It's also used by Santa Barbara City College dive classes, Waterfront maintenance divers, and participants in Semana Nautica ocean events.

In light of a high-speed accident that occurred in the Wye in July 2017, and considering the high volume of boat traffic in this location, staff recommended imposing a five-knot maximum speed limit in the Wye, a measure supported by the Harbor Commission and recently adopted by City Council.



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[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Waterfront](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Waterfront)

City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department  
132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

To:

## 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/)

DockLines is funded in part by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).



Photo courtesy Becky Davis Photography

## SAVE MONEY, DON'T GET YOUR VEHICLE TOWED

*Cesar Barrios*

*Waterfront Parking Supervisor*

During special events like Operation Clean Sweep and the Nautical Swap Meet, or during projects like slurry sealing and tree trimming, Waterfront staff designates parking stalls that need to be cleared 72 hours in advance. Staff posts these areas and phones or emails vehicle owners during this posting period, to remind them to relocate.

In the past, if the vehicles haven't moved during the posting period, staff contracts with a towing company to relocate them to another parking stall outside the posted area, but within the same parking lot. Over the years, some owners of vehicles—especially vehicles that rarely move—have elected to leave them in place and let the Waterfront Department relocate them and absorb associated towing costs.

Moving forward the Department will continue to post areas and attempt to contact vehicle owners to advise them to relocate, but if the vehicle owners can't or won't move those vehicles, the Department will pass on to them towing fees required to move each vehicle.

## FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES BRIGHTEN DAY AND NIGHT

*Dominique Samario*

*Waterfront Public Information Officer*

On Wednesday, July 4th the City of Santa Barbara hosts its all-day Fourth of July festivities along the waterfront. Come for music, food, fun, and sun with an all-American celebration at West Beach and on Stearns Wharf. Working with its nonprofit partner, local musicians will bring fun summer sounds and patriotic music to a West Beach stage, and food vendors will stage along Cabrillo Boulevard from State to Castillo streets from noon to 9 p.m.

The day of celebration ends with a bang during a 20-minute fireworks display. Fireworks will launch from West Beach starting at approximately 9 p.m. and be simulcast on 92.9 FM and live streamed on KEYT.com. The City thanks KJEE and KEYT for their support of this community event. Viewers are encouraged to tune in to KJEE to enjoy the choreographed production from anywhere in the city.

For complete event information visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SBFourth](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SBFourth).

## 2018 EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 5	Operation Clean Sweep
May 12	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 13	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 16	Parade of Lights

Visit

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

## 2018 REGULAR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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