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Santa Barbara City Photo: Dolphin Fountain plantings

## The Dolphin Fountain: Restoring a Local Landmark

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

The Dolphin Fountain at the foot of Stearns Wharf is one of the most-visited landmarks in Santa Barbara. Annually, over one million people walk out on the Wharf, and their first impression is of the fountain and a statue of three bronze dolphins sculpted by local artist Bud Bottoms. With the drought now in its fourth year, water to the fountain has been turned off. Staff has struggled with how to maintain the aesthetics of this landmark without water, the key component of any fountain.

Not only did the fountain look out of character without water, the bronze dolphin statue had gradually deteriorated, losing its patina and luster. Without water flowing up on the dolphins, damage from 30 years in the marine environ-

ment was obvious. At Bud Bottoms' recommendation, staff hired a company to clean the statue and prepare it for a new application of patina. A couple of coats of patina later, the statue's color and sheen were restored.

In addition to restoring the statue, staff worked with the Chumash, SB Beautiful, and the SB Men's Garden Club to create a landscape plan to further restore aesthetics of this local icon, placing 48 drought-tolerant succulents in 15-gallon pots in the fountain's moat. Mulch placed among the pots hides them and makes the plants appear like they're growing out of the fountain. A few sages were placed under the statue to further enhance the fountain. With the end of the drought uncertain at best, the recently completed Dolphin Fountain restoration should keep this treasured landmark looking good.

## Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Fee Changes

Brian J. Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager

Revenue for Fiscal Year 2015 improved over Fiscal Year 2014. The Department continued to maintain 100% occupancy in slip and lease rentals, Stearns Wharf and the Harbor continued to grow in popularity as visitor destinations, plus leasehold revenue and parking-fee revenue showed continued growth.

During Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) the Department will fund approximately \$3M in capital-improvement projects. They include Harbor Main parking lot repairs, Stearns Wharf pile and timber repair/replacement, City Pier hoists replacement, Marina Four re-decking and ADA improvements to the Sea Landing gangway. Fiscal Year 2016 will also include Phase 6 of the Marina One Replacement Project, completing fingers H and I.

As in prior years, fee increases are necessary to complete these projects, plus maintain the

Harbor, Stearns Wharf and other Waterfront facilities and keep the Department's emergency and construction reserves at required levels. Fee increases implemented July 1, 2015 included:

- 2% slip fee increase;
- \$25 slip transfer fee increase (does not include 20-foot or 25-foot slips);
- \$5 annual parking permit fee increase (to \$100);
- Visitor-boat fee increase of \$0.10/foot per night (to \$1/foot per night).

Also, a parking validation program at Stearns Wharf that provided 90 minutes' free parking if a customer received stamped validation from a business on the Wharf was discontinued July 1st, replaced by a program that allows all visitors 90 minutes' free parking.

The entire City budget can be found at: [www.santabarbaraca.gov](http://www.santabarbaraca.gov) under the "What's New" section.

## DockLines

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.

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Harbor Patrol: 564-5530  
Maintenance: 564-5522  
Parking Services: 564-5523  
Office Fax: 560-7580

Local area code (805)

## Cruise-Ship Security and Local Boating: A Delicate Balance

*Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager*

May 19th marked the 13th and final cruise-ship visit of the spring season. Fourteen more are scheduled for fall. The visits continue to be successful, receiving strong support from the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, Visit Santa Barbara and Downtown Santa Barbara.

All cruise-ship visits were accommodated without significant incident, with the exception of the *Crown Princess* visit on April 8th. Unexpectedly, the Coast Guard enforced a 500-yard security zone around the ship (100 yards was assumed the norm) as it departed local waters around 6:00 p.m. This coincided with the Yacht Club's traditional Wet Wednesday race and resulted in uncomfortable interactions between racers and Coast Guard patrol boats enforcing the security zone.

Subsequently, Waterfront staff initiated a dialog with Coast Guard representatives in Sector LA/Long Beach about cruise-ship security zones. Staff also convened two meetings (April 22nd and May 5th) with the Yacht Club, Princess Cruises, commercial fishermen and the Coast Guard, seeking a compromise that would accommodate the Coast Guard's Homeland Security mission and Wet Wednesday races.

To accommodate the security-zone rules, Princess Cruises agreed to move its customary anchor point southeast to a position 1.2 miles offshore (twice the distance from shore and 35 feet deeper than the traditional anchoring location) for the *Crown Princess* visit on April 22nd. This pilot effort failed for two reasons. First, the ship dragged anchor in windy weather and had to relocate to its standard anchoring position. Second, shore-boat arrivals and bus tours were significantly delayed.

Subsequently, Coast Guard Captain of the Port Jennifer Williams clarified the security-zone issue: The "traditional" 100-yard security zone is enforced when a ship is at anchor, but the 500-yard security zone is enforced when it is departing *and* under escort by the Coast Guard. With this clarification, the May 5th meeting resulted in the following understanding:

- The traditional anchor point (.6 miles offshore) will be used for all cruise ship visits;
- The 500-yard security zone will be enforced only when a ship is departing and under Coast Guard escort. If such circumstances occur on a Wednesday during daylight savings time ("Wet Wednesday Season"), the Coast Guard will notify Harbor Patrol and the Yacht Club in a timely fashion, so the cruise ship can be repositioned or race courses altered accordingly;
- On Wednesdays when a cruise ship is departing to the south (i.e. Ensenada), and the Coast Guard is going to escort the ship, the ship's captain will wait until the Wet Wednesday race concludes before departing its traditional anchoring location; and
- When a cruise ship is weighing anchor for departure, it will sound one long blast on its horn.

Looking ahead, three Princess cruise ships are scheduled to visit on Wednesdays this fall. Staff anticipates these visits will occur safely and securely for all parties involved.

## Head Knockers— Bow Pulpits, Anchors and Concussions

*Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor*

John Doe was walking to his boat in Marina 1 when he received a text from a friend. He turned off the main walkway onto his finger, head down, reading when KA-POW. John's forehead plowed into a Danforth anchor on the end of a bow pulpit overhanging the dock by three feet. He seethed in pain while a huge bump and bruise welled up (A concussion!). Instead of venting on the offending boat's skipper, John maintained composure and reported the improperly berthed vessel to Harbor Patrol.

This scenario took place recently and it took weeks for the boater to recover from his concussion. Remedy: Take care to properly secure your vessel in its slip so its bow doesn't extend over a walkway. Conversely, it should not extend too far into the navigation fairway either. Adding fore and aft spring lines assist with safe, secure mooring. And always remember not to exceed the Department's overall length limits. That way, accidents like the one above are less likely to occur.

## Harbor Patrol Conducts Rare Island Assist

At 1:00 p.m. on May 23rd, Harbor Patrol received a call from the wife of a prospective kidney transplant recipient who had been on the "waiting list" for some time. She, in turn, had been contacted by health officials who said a kidney from a deceased donor was waiting for him, but quick action was necessary to ensure he would be available in time for the transplant.

No problem, right? Well, the recipient was at the Channel Islands, and the Coast Guard and Harbor Patrol both tried unsuccessfully to reach him by radio and cell phone. But there was a glimmer of hope. Like all boaters should do, he had filed a "float plan" with his wife, who said he had headed by sailboat to Frys Harbor at Santa Cruz Island.

At 1:30 p.m., Harbor Patrol headed for the island aboard Patrol Boat #2, bucking heavy seas and 20-knot west winds along the way. Instead of heading directly for Frys, the officers aimed for an area west of Frys, so they could check nearby small coves and anchorages in case the vessel had relocated. Meanwhile, the National Park Service began checking anchorages from the east end of the island working west.

Shortly after 3:30 p.m., Harbor Patrol arrived at Frys, and voila, there stood the "intended target" aboard a sailboat, looking somewhat astonished at a Harbor Patrol boat 25 miles from Santa Barbara Harbor. It was, in fact, one of the rare times—possibly the only time—Harbor Patrol has responded to Santa Cruz Island. Informed that his number was up and that Patrol had come to escort him back to Santa Barbara, he quickly packed a few essentials, climbed aboard PB #2, and the party of three—Officers Jan Martinez, Anthony Lombardi, and the prospective recipient—headed for the mainland. They arrived back at Santa Barbara Harbor at 4:45 p.m., and the recipient reported that he was safely in his room at a Los Angeles-area transplant center at 6:00 p.m. He called Harbor Patrol the next day to say "thanks," and to relay the news that he had received his new kidney.



*Santa Barbara Waterfront Photo:  
Harbor Patrol approaching Frys Harbor, Santa Cruz Island*

## SBPD SWAT Training

*Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor*

On May 27th Harbor Patrol Officers took part in an annual waterborne SBPD SWAT training exercise at the Harbor. The training familiarizes SWAT Officers with drown-proofing, Waterfront/Harbor area familiarization, maritime operations, communications and firearms training at sea, as well as boarding and searching vessels. SBPD's Hostage Negotiation Team trained with a scenario aboard the USCGC *Blackfin* anchored east of Stearns Wharf. Harbor Patrol Officers participated in many aspects of the training and transported the teams aboard several Patrol Boats. The training provided valuable experience that will improve future joint-agency operations.



*Santa Barbara Waterfront Photo: SWAT exercise*

## NEW HARBOR PATROL OFFICER ANTHONY LOMBARDI

Anthony Lombardi joined the Waterfront Department as our newest Harbor Patrol Officer on April 7th. He brings a wealth of maritime experience as a fireman and machinist with the Coast Guard, a deckhand and captain on the *Condor Express*, a captain with *Island Packers* and several years as Harbor Patrol Crew.

A family man who recently assisted his wife delivering their newest child in the living room of their home, Anthony would certainly make his EMT instructors proud.



*Santa Barbara Waterfront Photo: Officer Lombardi*



*Santa Barbara Waterfront Photo: 2015 Harbor Nautical Swap Meet*

## Harbor Nautical Swap Meet/Hazmat Turn-in Recap

Forty vendors packed the Marina Three parking lot on May 9th for the ninth annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet. A benefit for the Harbor Merchants Association, the Swap Meet featured the usual fare: fishing gear, surfboards, boat rigging, anchors, pumps, binoculars, scuba gear and much more. Free donuts and coffee (care of the Santa Barbara Roasting Company) and free oranges and apples (care of the Berry Man) were quickly consumed by grateful vendors and the public alike.

A Hazmat Turn-In accompanied the Nautical Swap Meet, taking in hundreds of gallons of used oil, paint, varnish and other boat-maintenance products, thus allowing slip permittees to clear their dock boxes before boating season “officially” arrives.

## Clean Marina Corner

### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP COMPLETES NINE-YEAR HARBOR “CIRCUMNAVIGATION”

The ninth annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, took place on Saturday, May 2nd. Eighteen divers and 30 dockside support workers removed 1,000 pounds of debris from Marina One, fingers Q, R and S— somewhat less than previous “hauls,” but about what staff expected, considering these fingers were built in 1999.

This event capped a complete circumnavigation of the harbor, which began in Marina Four in 2006 (one year was cancelled due to local wildfires). In total, 16.2 tons of debris have been removed from the harbor seafloor since the project’s inception.

This year, items removed included cell phones, a laptop computer, three bicycles, a step-ladder, two dock carts, two crab “hoop-nets,” fiberglass, sheet metal, a boat fender, a toilet, a set of dentures, a high-heeled shoe, and broken wine, beer and whiskey bottles.

Staff wishes to thank all volunteers who participated in this year’s Clean Sweep, many of whom have participated for years (some every year). Dive companies like Salty Dog Dive Service, Monterey Diving and Scrub-a-Dub Dive Service were again instrumental in locating seafloor debris, and volunteers from NOAA, the Surfrider Foundation, Maritime Museum and Channel Keeper, plus some stalwart Harbor Commissioners, hauled junk up from the seafloor. Castagnola Tug Service provided a cut-rate deal for staging their workboat *Danny C* at the cleanup site, so volunteers didn’t have to cart debris a quarter-mile to a dumpster near our Waterfront Offices.

Next year, the event heads back to its roots in Marina Four. We hope and expect the amount of debris recovered will be less than the two tons recovered in the first “sweep” at that location, though realistically all debris was probably not removed the first time, plus it will have been 10 years since the last Clean Sweep event there.



*Santa Barbara Waterfront Photo:  
Bicycle pulled from the harbor*

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

## 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.

To:

\* For a complete list of certified used-oil collection centers, hours of operation, and types of materials collected, visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/>

This publication of DockLines is funded by a Grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Enjoy a sunny and safe summer!

## 2015 Waterfront Parking Permits - Deeply Discounted!

*Cesar Barrios, Waterfront Parking Supervisor*



It's that time of year -- beginning August 1st, the cost of general annual parking permits drops to \$70. Normally \$85, these permits are valid from date of purchase through December 31, 2015. One final price discount commences November 1st when the cost general permits drop to \$55.

General permits are available at the Harbormaster's Office and all Waterfront parking kiosks (except Stearns Wharf). For Waterfront Parking details contact the Parking Office at 897-1965.

## New Lessee for 117-G Harbor Way

After a competitive "Request for Proposals" process, Marine Services, an established, well-run Harbor business, was selected to lease the 500-square-foot space at 117-G Harbor Way (next to On the Alley), former home of Trans-Pacific Marine Co. Located on the south side of the building, the site provides generous exposure for both foot and vehicle traffic.

Marine Services will sell general and special-order marine parts including filters, impellers, alternator belts, oil, coolant and much more. The space will also serve as a showroom for products such as Yanmar engines and Kohler generators.

Waterfront staff will upgrade the lease-space façade with new windows and doors, while Marine Services will improve interior space to accommodate and showcase their new retail goods. Look for the Marine Services store to open by the end of the calendar year.

## 2015 Upcoming Events Schedule

July 4 Fourth of July  
October 17 Harbor & Seafood Festival  
December 6 Parade of Lights

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

## 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule of the Santa Barbara Harbor Commission

January 22	July 16
February 19	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

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