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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 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/

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

To:

2019 WATERFRONT PARKING PERMITS NOW ON SALE!

Cesar Barrios,
Waterfront Parking Supervisor

Annual Waterfront parking permits went on sale December 1st. General permits cost \$125 and slip-permittee permits (one per slip) cost \$95. Permits are valid from the date of purchase through December 31, 2019. 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. Questions? Call 897-1965



PARADE OF LIGHTS RECAP

Mick Kronman,
Harbor Operations Manager

Decorated to the theme of "Hollywood Holidays," 27 boats navigated flat seas December 9th during the 32nd annual Parade of Lights. A 10-minute fireworks show followed the parade.

Bookends to the parade included Santa's Village at 3 pm, where over 500 children visited Santa and played in 10 tons of snow on the City Pier, and a awards party at the Maritime Museum, catered by Chuck's Waterfront Grill.

First-place award winners included:

Commercial Fishing: Perseverance;
Commercial Other: Channel Cat;
Power: SS Minnow;
Sail: Sirroco; and
Human Powered: Santa

SS Minnow grabbed Grand Prize honors, taking a prize package that included \$500 cash.

This year's event was sponsored by the 2018 Parade of Lights Committee, City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department, Santa Barbara Harbor Merchants Association, Stearns Wharf Business Association, and Santa Barbara Yacht Club. Remember: circle your calendar for next year's Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 8, 2019.



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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 16	Parade of Lights

Visit

www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/Waterfront
for more details

2019 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



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HARBOR AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL RECAP

Amid pristine fall weather conditions, over 15,000 people attended the 17th annual Harbor and Seafood Festival on October 13th. Boats delivering fresh crab, lobster, sea urchin uni, and shrimp lined the City Pier, feeding constant lines of happy, hungry customers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—a testimony to the importance of Santa Barbara's commercial fishing fleet, whose economic benefits approach \$30 million per year. Meanwhile, bands played on two stages throughout the day and 40+ arts and crafts vendors enjoyed brisk, steady sales.

The event included free boat rides aboard the *Azure Seas* and *Double Dolphin* (thanks to captains Fred Hershman and Skip Abed, respectively), carrying a total of nearly 700 passengers. Meanwhile, dockside tours of a harbor patrol boat, coast guard cutter, NOAA's research vessel *Shearwater*, and the tall ship *Spirit of Dana Point*, entertained hundreds more.



More than ever, some 60 volunteers helped make the event run seamlessly, especially amid the hectic buzz of boiling, barbecuing, and plating 800 pounds of lobster and 600 pounds of albacore. The volunteers included fishermen who labored over the barbeque and lobster pots to young men and women from SBCC's culinary program, San Marcos High School's culinary program, Education First International School, and UCSB's Circle K service organization.

City staff offers its thanks and praise to all those who have made—and continue to make—this event an annual highlight that displays all the greatness our harbor offers. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the next year's festival, on October 12, 2019.



Waterfront Capital Improvement Plan: Investing in the Future

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Our harsh marine environment batters, corrodes, and generally wreaks havoc on all Waterfront facilities. Moreover, docks, buildings, utilities, and piers deteriorate quickly in moist salt air. That's why the Waterfront's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is critical to maintaining and improving our infrastructure. The City Charter requires all departments prepare a 5-year CIP prior to adoption of a biennial budget, thus obligating a commitment to funding capital improvements and infrastructure in advance of developing an operating budget.

The Waterfront Department operates as an Enterprise Fund, meaning revenues, derived primarily through slip fees, parking fees, and leases, operate independently from the City's tax-dependent General Fund, which supports other city departments such as Police, Fire, Library, and Parks. The Waterfront's annual budget is approximately \$15 million and we consis-

tently include \$1.5 - \$2 million in the annual CIP, not including projects funded by loans or grants. As long as the Waterfront's revenues remain consistent and healthy, we can invest in our infrastructure as identified in the CIP.

Staff recently completed preparation the FY2020 - 2024 CIP, which includes large projects that incrementally but consistently maintain infrastructure on an annual basis, like pile driving at Stearns Wharf, pavement maintenance of the parking lots, and replacing marina docks. Other CIP projects occur once every several decades such as replacing the Ice House, constructing an elevator at Stearns Wharf, remodeling restrooms, and replacing lift stations on Stearns Wharf. Investing in infrastructure through the CIP remains one of the Waterfront's highest budgetary priorities, so you'll continue to see construction and maintenance work around the Waterfront throughout 2019.

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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

RECYCLE YOUR OLD MARINE BATTERIES

Tom Dietz, Facilities Superintendent

The Waterfront and Fuel Dock have worked together for years encouraging boaters to properly dispose of old marine batteries in a bin located on the City Pier, next to the ice house. Although the Fuel Dock no longer sells batteries, the battery recycle bin will remain in the same location and boaters can still have a Fuel Dock attendant open the bin for them.

Since 2010, between 180 and 350 batteries have been recycled every year. That's a lot of batteries that could otherwise wind up disposed of improperly, especially in the harbor. Our annual Clean Sweep Operation, in which volunteers and Waterfront staff clean up a section of the seafloor under the marinas, has shown a noticeable decrease in batteries, testament to the effectiveness of the battery recycling program and a convenient way for boaters to help us maintain our status as a certified Clean Marina. Let's keep up the good work by continuing to deposit used batteries in the bin on the City Pier.

Questions? Call Harbor administration at 805-564-5531.



COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHING SB CHAPTER

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

The Coastal Conservation Association of California (CCA CAL) was created in 2015 when recreational anglers and outdoor enthusiasts grouped together to work for the conservation and enhancement of our marine resources and coastal environments, plus support for and anglers' access to healthy fisheries.

Acting under the leadership of national and state chapters, and following the footsteps of established CCA CAL chapters from San Diego to Ventura, Santa Barbara anglers will host their first chapter meeting on January 8th in the Marine Center Classroom. All are welcome to attend. Proposed membership dues are \$35/year or \$1,000 for lifetime membership.

After electing officers and establishing goals such as habitat enhancement, youth fishing opportunities, angling competitions, healthy fisheries (and access to them), and lobbying priorities, the local chapter will petition the state chapter for formal recognition.

For more information contact Tiffany Vague at tvague@icloud.com.



HARBOR NEWS

PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE WATERFRONT

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Jeanette Prusinski grew up in Goleta, eventually joining the Coast Guard, where she spent four years working on a San Pedro-based 378' cutter, patrolling from Alaska to Mexico. In November 2018, after 11 years with the City (five as the Waterfront Department's Executive Assistant and Harbor Commission Secretary), she earned a promotion to Administrative/Clerical Supervisor, replacing Kathy Sangster, who held the position for 30 years before retiring.

Jeanette brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role, in areas like slip assignments, slip transfers, marina management programs, and Waterfront policies. Count on her for great customer service, mixed with a healthy dose of goodwill and good humor. Please join the Department in welcoming Jeanette to her new job.



Elijah "Eli" Brower joined the Department in August 2018 as its newest Harbor Patrol Officer. Born in Galveston, Texas and raised in Springfield, Illinois, where he was named the state's high school soccer player of the year, Eli eventually moved to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles, where he played college soccer. Eli recently spent three years working as deckhand, then second captain, on the dive boat Truth, before working a year as crew for Harbor Patrol.

A true waterman, Eli enjoys sailing and spearfishing, along with hiking and other outdoor sports. He also likes interacting with members of the harbor community, so don't hesitate to introduce yourself when you see him on the docks or on the water



ANNUAL PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Seven parking lots along the Waterfront provide coastal access to hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors in Santa Barbara. Every year at least one lot receives some level of pavement maintenance and a fresh coat of asphalt slurry. Striping plans are revised to comply with updates to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or accommodate other users such as recreational vehicles. Last year, bids were solicited for maintenance of the Harbor West Lot, maintenance yard, and the launch ramp but none were received due to the relatively small scope of work and pavement maintenance contractors' busy schedules.

Fortunately, the Waterfront was recently able to piggyback on a much larger Public Works contract for pavement maintenance. Granite Construction was the low bidder and will work on the Waterfront lots this spring. The City's Streets Division has acquired new equipment to make spot repairs in the Waterfront lots prior to Granite Construction's application of a coat of asphalt slurry this spring.

Pavement maintenance will necessitate closing



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TIME TO GET YOUR 2020 VESSEL REGISTRATION STICKER

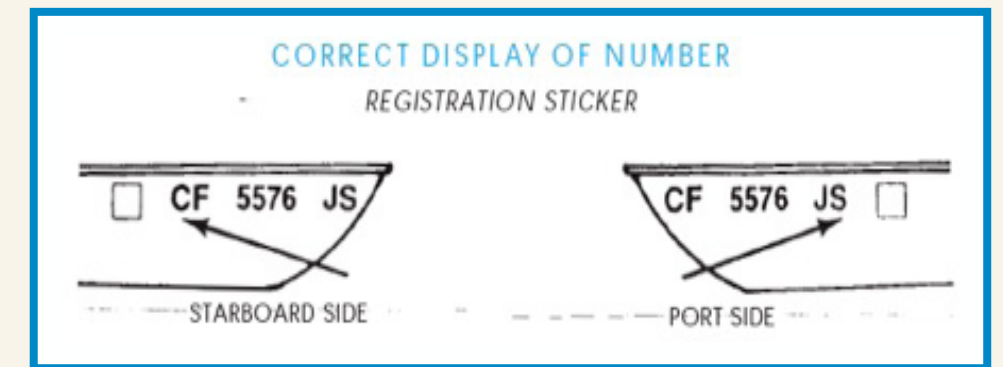
Erik Engebretson, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Current California Vessel Registration stickers expired on December 31, 2018. The new registration period covers January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

California Law requires most vessels to be registered through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and for current stickers to be posted on a vessel's bow. The cost is only \$10. An application can be completed by mail, in person, or online at: http://www.dmv.ca.gov/online/vrir/vr_top2.htm.

A copy of current registration must be kept on board your boat whenever it is used on the water. Registration (CF) numbers must be painted on or permanently attached to each side of the forward part of the vessel. The CFs must be plain, vertical, block characters at least 3 inches high, of a contrasting color to the hull, and arranged to read from left to right.

Dinghies propelled solely by oars or paddles, and sailing vessels eight feet long or less, are not required to be registered. Harbor Patrol, however, recommends registering all boats. Skiffs are frequently found adrift, both inside the harbor and at sea. If a skiff has current CF numbers posted, it's much easier to locate the owner when the vessel is recovered. For more information from the DMV about registering your vessel, go to: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/boatsinfo/boat.htm>.



STORM-PROOF YOUR BOAT

Erik Engebretson, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Santa Barbara winters are typically mild but it doesn't take much wind or rain to cause major problems, including damaging or sinking an unattended boat. So, please consider:

- Early Warning. Monitor weather reports. Visit your boat before the next storm. If you can't check your boat, find a responsible person who can.

- Dock lines. Visually inspect for chafe, wear and trip hazards (please don't run mooring lines across fingers). Tie lines securely to cleats or pilings; consider chafing gear and doubling-up lines.

- Dock obstructions. Don't store skiffs or other items on the dock.

- Bilge check. Test your bilge pump to ensure that 1) it works; 2) float switches properly activate the pumps; and 3) float switches aren't hindered by debris. Be sure limber holes aren't blocked. Close seacocks and check propeller and rudder shafts.

- Fenders. Have an adequate number of appropriate-sized fenders.

- Sails, rigging, tarps, and loose gear on deck. Store or tightly secure.

- Hatches, ports, and windows. Close and secure.

- Consider. Removing valuables and electronics, installing a dehumidifier or moisture absorber, propping up cushions, and opening the boat during periods of fair weather to circulate air.

For assistance or to report problems contact Harbor Patrol at 564-5530 or on VHF channels 12 or 16.

WATCHLOG

News from Harbor Patrol