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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.

In constant use and cannot be closed. Therefore, the Launch Ramp is this highly congested area. The Launch Ramp is the Leadbetter Restroom to slow vehicles down 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 dispose of old marine batteries in a bin located on the City Pier.

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

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.

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. Stripping plans are revised to comply with updates to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to accommodate other users such as recreational vehicles. Last year, bikes 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 the Harbor West Lot and maintenance yard for a few days. A new speed bump will be added near the Leadbetter Restroom to slow vehicles down in this highly congested area. The Launch Ramp is in constant use and cannot be closed. Therefore, this lot will be done in two phases to ensure continuous access for boat launches. Annual pavement maintenance is critical to maintaining the Waterfront parking lots and funding for this effort is included in the Department’s annual budget.

ANNUAL PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE
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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/orvr_top2.htm. A copy of current registration must be kept on board your boat wherever 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. Skills 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 unsecured 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 your boat, find a responsible person who can.
• Dock obstructions. Don’t store skiffs or other items on the dock.
• Bilge plug check. Test your bilge pump to ensure that it 1) works; 2) float switches properly activate the pump; 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, tarp, 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.