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NEW PARKING REGULATIONS

Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager

Available parking spaces in the Harbor Main Lot (and Waterfront lots in general) have long been in high demand. Over the past several years, however, that demand has increased considerably, due to growing popularity of local watersports like stand-up paddle boarding, the emergence of the Funk Zone as a popular destination, and the reopening of Lower State Street. Also, over time, some residents and businesses, recognizing the advantages of a Waterfront General Permit vs. on-street parking or standard vehicle storage, began abusing well-intended parking policies by storing vehicles (or goods/merchandise inside vehicles) in the Harbor Main Lot. The cumulative result was unprecedented parking demand that was limiting public access to the coast.



2019. The Ordinance Committee of the City Council unanimously (2-0) approved the proposed amendments on September 24, 2019. City Council approved the proposed amendments on October 8, 2019.

Among the numerous changes are vehicle size limits regarding the purchase of Annual Parking Permits. Annual Parking Permits will NOT be issued to any vehicle that exceeds one or more of the following size limits:

- 22 feet long (current limit is 20 feet)
- 90 inches high
- 82 inches wide

Additionally, the following vehicles are not eligible to receive Annual Parking Permits: buses, recreational vehicles (RVs), motorhomes, campers, house cars and vehicles used for commercial purposes unrelated to maritime or ocean uses (for example: cab/taxi companies, landscape contractors, commercial businesses).

Vehicles exceeding any one of the size limitations listed above are still welcome in all Waterfront parking lots but will be required to pay hourly/daily rates. There are a limited number of exceptions to the size limitations.

The amendments to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 17 pertaining to Waterfront parking regulations will take effect with the sale of 2020 Annual Parking Permits which begins December 1, 2019. All current 2019 Annual Parking Permits are valid through December 31, 2019.

For additional details regarding the new regulations please visit: www.santabarbaraca.gov/waterfront.

SAFETY & SECURITY SURVEY

Erik Engebretson, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Harbor Patrol's primary duty is to enforce laws on land and water to facilitate the safe and orderly use of the Waterfront area.

To help assess the safety and security of our marinas and related facilities we have created an online survey to get your input. Your participation in the survey will help the Waterfront Department identify areas of need as well as develop and prioritize security strategies going forward.

To participate in this short survey take a photo of the QR code to the right with your smart phone.



You can also go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/harborsecurity

The Waterfront Department appreciates your input and help in this important area.

CULINARY CLASS CRUISE SHIP TOUR

Chris Bell, Administrative Analyst

When it comes to the culinary arts, there are few places that match the size and scale of a cruise ship galley. Recently, students from the San Marcos High School Culinary Program had a unique opportunity to see such an operation first-hand, during a free tour of food service operations on the cruise ship *Grand Princess*.

One by one, three executive chefs took the students through the massive and incredibly clean main galley; the largest of seven on board. The students were able to see many facets of the operation, from pastry making, to meal prep, to dish washing. Renowned Executive Chef Joel Directo described the incredible coordination it takes to prepare and serve 15,000 meals a day and the choreographed chaos that occurs at meal time.



The San Marcos High School Culinary Program was developed to provide students with practical life skills that can also be applied to a wide variety of positions in the foodservice industry or pursuit of a post-secondary educational focus.

Culinary Program director Donna Barker, said the cruise ship tour was a fantastic experience for her students. "Our students were so intrigued with all of the kitchen organization and operations and the amount of food prepared each day. The staff was so insightful and professional." Student Kailey Wipf was similarly impressed. "It was fascinating to see how the big kitchen runs. I was so grateful for this opportunity and learned so much."

2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 16	Operation Clean Sweep
May 30	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 17	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 13	Parade of Lights

Visit

www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/Waterfront
for more details

2020 REGULAR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

January 16	July 16
February 20	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

HARBOR EVENTS

HARBOR & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL RECAP

Erik Engebretson, Acting Harbor Operations Manager

On Saturday, October 12th, thousands of locals and tourists alike attended the 18th Annual Harbor and Seafood Festival. Fishermen delivered fresh crab, lobster, sea urchin (uni), and shrimp to waiting customers at the City Pier. Approximately 670 lbs. of albacore, 600 lbs. of crab and 600 lbs. of lobster were served to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional vendors served clam chowder, seafood paella, oysters, and fish tacos. The event pays tribute to the importance of Santa Barbara's commercial fishing fleet, whose annual economic benefit approaches 30 million dollars a year.

Nearly 700 Festival-goers enjoyed free boat rides aboard the *Azure Seas* and *Double Dolphin* thanks to Captains Fred Hershman and Skip Abed respectively. Meanwhile, dockside tours of a harbor patrol boat, USCG Cutter *Blackfin*, NOAA's research vessel *Shearwater*, and the tall ship *Spirit of Dana Point*, entertained hundreds more.

Over 40 volunteers helped the event run smoothly, especially amid the hectic buzz of boiling or barbecuing, then plating, over

1,800 lbs. of crab, lobster and albacore. The volunteers included fishermen, cruise ship ambassadors, students from San Marcos High School's culinary program as well as Education First International School, and UCSB's Circle K service organization.



City staff offers its sincere gratitude to all those who have made, and continue to make, this event an annual highlight that displays all the great experiences our harbor offers.

PARADE OF LIGHTS RECAP

Chris Bell, Waterfront Public Information Officer

Hundreds of families flocked to the Waterfront to get in the holiday spirit at the 33rd Annual Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 8th. Ten tons of snow enthralled children of all ages at Santa's Village on the City Pier. Santa's arrival was greeted with cheers from the throngs of children and parents anxious to get a picture with Ol' Saint Nick.



Over on Stearns Wharf, the festivities were kicked off by a tree lighting ceremony. And, while the rain dimmed the lights, it couldn't dampen the holiday cheer spurred on by the beautiful voices of the San Marcos High School choir.

Parade entries were down this year, probably due to the rainy weather. Luckily, the wind calmed and the skies cleared just in time for the event. What was lacking in numbers, was more than made up for by the enthusiasm of crews that fully embraced this year's theme of "Deep-Space Holidays."

Winners took home hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes donated by local merchants.



The spectacular fireworks show that followed the parade wowed the crowd and was a perfect ending to this fun-filled day.

The Parade of Lights is sponsored by the Waterfront Department, the Harbor Merchants Association, and the Wharf Merchants Association.

HARBOR NEWS

SANDPIPER: THE ZERO EMISSIONS DREDGE

Karl Treiberg, Acting Waterfront Director

Did you know that diesel-powered dredges are not allowed in Santa Barbara Harbor? In the mid-1990s, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), adopted regulations to register engine-assisted equipment with the caveat that dredges in Santa Barbara Harbor are not eligible. If an engine cannot be registered, it cannot operate in California.



No one is entirely sure why CARB adopted these regulations, but it may have had something to do with mitigating emissions associated with offshore oil rigs. Fortunately for us, the electric dredge, *Sandpiper*, resides on the west coast.

Sandpiper (formerly known as *La Encina*) was built in the 1950s. At some point in its long life, *Sandpiper* was converted to an electric powered dredge and has now been in service at Santa Barbara harbor for almost two decades. The dredge was acquired by San Diego based, Pacific Dredge, four years ago and completely rebuilt. The only remaining original piece of equipment is the wheelhouse.

Unlike the booming electric car industry, electric dredges are rare. This becomes an issue every three years when the Army Corps of Engineers rebids the three-year dredging contract for Santa Barbara Harbor. Many dredge contractors are interested in bidding on the Corps' contract but it requires a significant initial investment. Fortunately, Pacific Dredge has made the *Sandpiper* so efficient, they can dredge the harbor in less than half the time of the previous owner, allowing them to keep their operating costs low.

Pacific Dredge is committed to keeping the *Sandpiper* on the west coast and having recently won the most recent Corps contract, they will be around for another three years.

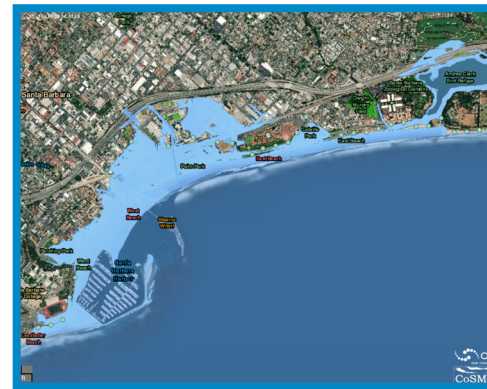
SEA LEVEL RISE - HOW SHOULD WE ADAPT?

Karl Treiberg, Acting Waterfront Director

A consequence of climate change is the potential for rising sea levels. The California Coastal Commission requires coastal communities to plan for Sea Level Rise (SLR) and the City of Santa Barbara is in the midst of that effort. The City hired a consulting firm to prepare a SLR Adaptation Plan for a predicted sea level rise of 2.5 feet by 2060 and 6.6 feet by 2100. This plan is based on inundated areas along the Waterfront as identified in a Vulnerability Assessment prepared in 2018.

There are a number of online tools where the public can review maps of a variety of SLR scenarios. CosMos is a SLR model prepared by the United States Geological Survey and can be found at <https://www.usgs.gov> (search CosMos). This website clearly shows what will happen to the Waterfront with up to 5.8 feet of predicted SLR. Needless to say, the low lying sections of the Waterfront will be inundated and adapting to that condition is very challenging.

SLR adaptation is typically divided into three different strategies; protect in place, managed retreat, or a hybrid of the two.



Map showing inundation (light blue) for 6.6 feet of SLR

The City's SLR Adaptation Plan will identify near-term, mid-term, and long-term strategies for different amounts of SLR. A public draft of the SLR Adaptation Plan should be released in January. This will be the most important long range planning document for the Waterfront area for many years to come.

We encourage the harbor community to become involved in this process as we plan for the next several decades. For more information go to www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLR.

POLICING YOUR KEY CARD

Erik Engebretson, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Harbor Patrol's top priority is keeping our harbor safe and secure. In 2018, Patrol Officers conducted over 3,000 foot patrols throughout the marinas and the harbor's adjoining areas.

During these foot patrols, officers sometimes come across people who are not authorized to be inside the marinas and/or restrooms. How do these people get into the marina? Some enter simply by having a marina gate or bathroom door held open for them as a kind gesture. Others enter the facility by using a key card that has been entrusted to them by a boat owner to work on their boat. And, unfortunately, still others enter the facility because someone gave them a keycard even though they are not a slip permittee nor do they work on a boat. This can lead to theft or burglary and presents a considerable challenge for Harbor Patrol.

Recently, a few interactions involved persons who were given a key card out of kindness to someone down on their luck and in need of a shower. Though the intention is good, it creates a less secure facility. So, we are asking for your help. Please do not give key cards to



anyone you wouldn't want using your bathroom or facilities at your home.

If you feel uncomfortable with someone who has "slipped" through the gate, please call Harbor Patrol at 805-564-5530, or on VHF channels 12 or 16 (emergencies use 9-1-1). If you have key cards that are lost or stolen, contact Waterfront Administration 805-564-5531 to have them deactivated.

Thanks for your continued support to help keep our harbor safe and secure.

Castle Rock The End of the End of the Road

Chris Bell, Waterfront Public Information Officer

Castle Rock was once one of the most popular attractions in Santa Barbara, right up there with the Mission and the giant grapevine in Carpinteria. Many postcards, tourist photos and even a couple of Flying A films featured Castle Rock as a backdrop. But before this rocky outcrop endeared itself to so many, it was a less conspicuous, but still important geological landmark.



As late as the mid-1800's Castle Rock was still connected to the Mesa bluff behind it. Prior to that, this bluff, now occupied by Santa Barbara City College, was long the home of the Chumash village of Mispu. While legend has it the Spanish built a large fort atop the bluff, it was more likely a simple earthen embankment where a few canons were placed. It is said that, when a Spanish ship sailed into port, soldiers would fire the

cannons and the sailors would return the salute.

But, as popular as Castle Rock was, it also posed an impediment to progress, literally. The beautiful beach beyond could only be reached at low tide, and many in the community wanted easier access. In 1876, a road was cut between Castle Rock and the bluff. The road was widened a year later, only to see Mother Nature cover it up through erosion. This process repeated itself until, in 1931 the iconic rock was blasted into history.

There are no plaques or signs marking the former location of Castle Rock, however many of us pass it every day when we walk through two pillars in the western corner of the harbor.



WATCHLOG

News from Harbor Patrol