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

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PARADE OF LIGHTS RECAP
Chris Bell, Waterfront Public Information Officer

Hundreds of families flocked to the Waterfront for the festivities. 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.

Did you know that diesel-powered dredges are not allowed in Santa Barbara Harbor? In 2015, 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.

SEA LEVEL RISE - HOW SHOULD WE ADAPT?
Karl Troebst, 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 based on predicted SLR. Needless to say, the low lying sections of the Waterfront will be inundated and adapting to sea level rise will be very challenging.

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 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.