

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 20, 2022  
**TO:** Harbor Commission  
**FROM:** Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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### PARADE OF LIGHTS RECAP

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Parade of Lights was held on Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Decorated to the theme of “Magic Under the Moonlight”, 28 boats made their way through the parade course, as well as an unprecedented number of 28 human powered craft (mostly stand-up paddle boarders) – at a grand total of 56 participants this year.

Some of the festivities were brought back to pre-COVID times; including Santa’s Village on the City Pier, where over 10 tons of snow was brought in for children of all ages to enjoy. Harbor Patrol Boat #2 escorted Santa and his elves throughout the Harbor and Stearns Wharf, which was a delight for children to see.

The event concluded with a 5-minute fireworks display and instead of the traditional VIP judges, staff posted the photos online and made it possible for the public to judge and score the entries. Nearly 700 people voted!

This year’s first place award winners included:

<u>Category:</u>	<u>First Place Winning Vessel:</u>
Commercial Fishing	<i>Perseverance</i>
Commercial Other	<i>Ranger</i>
Sailboat	<i>Sirocco</i>
Power Boat	<i>Blueprint</i>
Human Powered	<i>Gary Longaberger’s kayak</i>

The fishing vessel *Perseverance* earned Grand Prize honors, taking a gift pack valued at approximately \$1,000.

A huge thank you to all who participated and sponsored this fantastic event. A special thank you also goes to Chris Bell, Administrative Analyst with the Waterfront Department, who worked tirelessly to promote and organize a very creative and successful event, as well as the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum elves, who assisted in Santa’s Village.

### EAST BEACH MOORING PERMIT RENEWAL UPDATE

The Waterfront Department, with the help of the City’s Public Works Department, has renewed a 10-year Mooring Permit with the State Lands Commission (SLC). This permit

is for the mooring field, which is an area off East Beach split into designated mooring sites. The Permit with SLC is for the water space outside the City's State Tidelands Grant boundary. The City of Santa Barbara holds another Permit with the City of Santa Barbara's Planning Department, for City waters inside that boundary line.

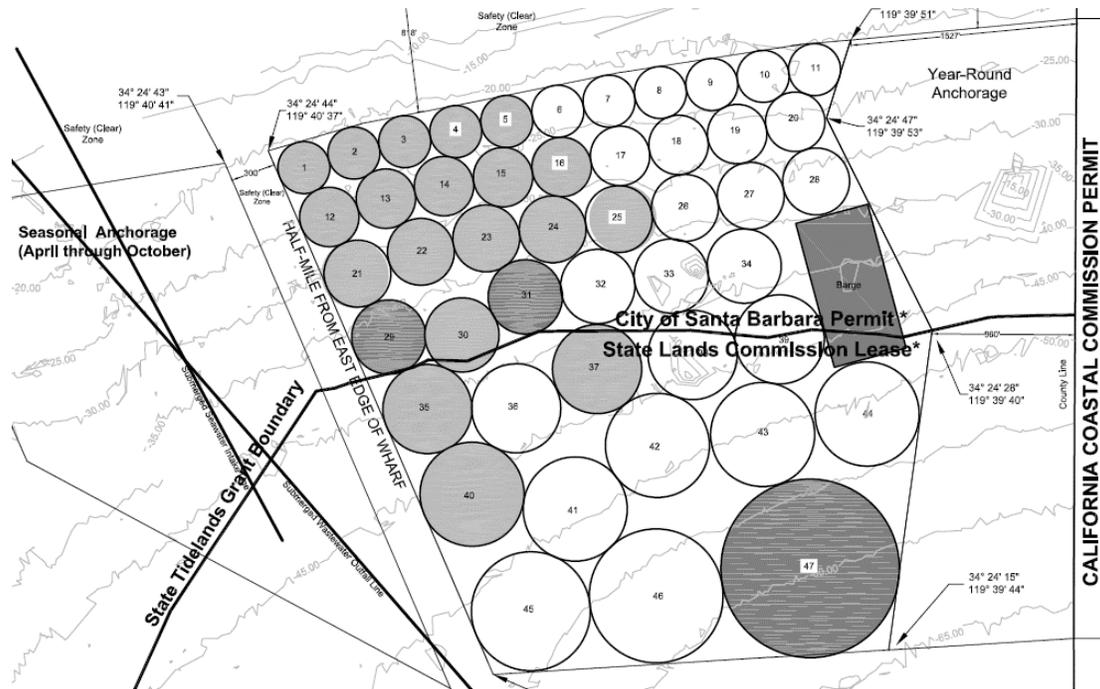


Figure 1: Santa Barbara East Beach Designated Mooring Area

Harbor Commission has received several updates on the East Beach Mooring Permit Program, which was established in 2006. As outlined in the updates, the Program meets the primary intent of providing an alternative and more secure means of mooring vessels off East Beach compared to anchoring, resulting in a huge reduction in grounded vessels.

It is important to note that although the current City boundary extends three miles offshore, the State requires a lease for the mooring sites outside the City limits as of 1925, when the submerged lands were granted to the City. The SLC established a lease rate of \$3,575 for the mooring field in their waters, which has been paid annually since the project was permitted in 2006. At this time, there are 19 permittees. Of these 19, three fall within the State boundary line from 1925.

## MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, beginning on January 1, 2022, recreational powerboat operators who are age 45 years and younger are required to carry a California Boater Card. The California Boater Card requirement will be phased in over the next several years based on operator age. By January 2025, everyone operating a recreational vessel will be required to carry a California Boater Card while operating a mechanically driven vessel. The California

Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully passed a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boater safety education examination. See below for the scheduled implementation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Operator Age</u>
January 1, 2018	Persons 20 years of age or younger
January 1, 2019	Persons 25 years of age or younger
January 1, 2020	Persons 35 years of age or younger
January 1, 2021	Persons 40 years of age or younger
January 1, 2022	Persons 45 years of age or younger
January 1, 2023	Persons 50 years of age or younger
January 1, 2024	Persons 60 years of age or younger
January 1, 2025	All persons regardless of age

NASBLA approved boating education and safety courses are available online at [www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com](http://www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com).

## **NEW HARBOR PATROL SUPERVISOR NATHAN ALLDREDGE**

The Waterfront Department is pleased to announce that Nathan Alldredge has accepted the offer as the next Harbor Patrol Supervisor. Nathan has served over 5 years as a Harbor Patrol Officer and brings a broad range of experience and training throughout his career, not to mention his professional attitude, and excellent public service.

Lt. Nathan Alldredge grew up far from the ocean in California's Central Valley, but always knew he wanted to be close to the water. A competitive swimmer and water polo player, Lt. Alldredge finished degrees at Stanford and UC Berkeley. He and his wife moved to Germany, where he played water polo. Lt. Alldredge was hired as Harbor Patrol Crew in 2015, and was promoted to Harbor Patrol Officer in 2017. The microburst of 2017 hit on Lt. Alldredge's second week as an officer, and for his lifesaving actions that day he was named California Boating Safety Officer of the Year and given the Distinguished Service Award from the California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains. He has served as Harbor Patrol's union representative as SEIU local 620 Steward, launched the department's peer support program, and is a part of Santa Barbara County's critical incident response team as well. Lt. Alldredge recently completed continuing educational work in Harbor Administration from the University of Alaska, Southeast. In his free time, Lt. Alldredge loves swimming, traveling, and playing at the beach with his family.

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