

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 17, 2022  
**TO:** Harbor Commission  
**FROM:** Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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### CALIFORNIA VESSEL REGISTRATION

If you own a motor vessel of any size, or a sailboat over eight feet long, you must register it with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in order to legally operate it on California waterways. Vessel registration expires December 31 of every odd-numbered year. You must maintain current registration even if you do not operate it. Renewal billing notices are mailed approximately two months before the expiration date by the DMV and must be renewed on or before midnight of that date to avoid additional penalties.

A copy of the current registration must be kept on board your boat whenever it is used on the water. The 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 in height, of a contrasting color to the hull, and be arranged to read from left to right.

Even though dinghies propelled solely by oars or paddles, and sailing vessels eight feet long or less are not required to be registered, Harbor Patrol recommends registering all boats. These types of vessels are frequently found adrift, both inside the harbor and at sea, and if they have current CF numbers posted it is much easier to locate the owner and reunite them with their vessel.

For more information from the DMV about registering your vessel, go to: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/boatsinfo/boat.html>. Also, the DMV's renewal applications can be completed by mail, in person, or online at [http://www.dmv.ca.gov/online/vrir/vr\\_top2.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/online/vrir/vr_top2.htm).

### HARBOR PATROL RESCUES PIT BULL AT SEA

On January 15, 2022, at approximately 9:00 AM, Harbor Patrol Officers Jessica Gray and Chris Shrake received numerous reports that a dog was swimming out to sea attempting to retrieve a soccer ball. A short time later, Officers located the dog's owner on the beach who explained that his dog was chasing a soccer ball out to sea and he was unable to get him to return.

Officers Gray and Shrake returned to the harbor and responded on Patrol Boat #1 and located the pit bull (later identified as Dallas) approximately ½ mile south of the Yacht

Club and still in pursuit of the soccer ball heading south towards Santa Cruz Island! With some coaxing, Dallas was brought on board PB#1, along with the soccer ball, and ultimately reunited with his owner.

## **HARBOR OPERATIONS ASSISTANT RECRUITMENT**

Samantha Casey, the Waterfront Department's Harbor Operation Assistant since 2018, accepted a position with another agency, leaving a vacancy with the Department's Operations Division.

The Harbor Operations Assistant is a forward facing position within the Department, running the Public Counter and providing administrative support for a wide variety of marina management transactions including slip permit transfers. The ideal candidate will be able to multi-task, have strong communication skills, and work well in a team environment alongside Harbor Patrol, Waterfront Maintenance, and administrative staff.

A recruitment has been launched and the deadline to apply ends 5:30 PM, February 17, 2022. The Harbor Operations Assistant's job description and application materials are online at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/santabarbara/jobs/3409352/harbor-operations-assistant>.

## **WEST BEACH PERMIT SALES**

Vessels such as outriggers, sailing outriggers, sailboats, rowing dories, surf skis, and a tomol may be issued an annual permit in order to store their vessel in the area on West Beach next to Santa Barbara Landing. Permits for these vessels cost \$275.00 annually on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning the second Friday of March.

There are designated outrigger clubs utilizing OC4 and OC6 outriggers eligible for a permit for boat racks that holds eight boats each. The rack permits are \$1,200.00 each and there are a maximum of six rack permits available to these clubs only.

The Santa Barbara Youth Sailing Foundation is allowed two racks to store sixteen sailboats, and those rack permits also cost \$1,200.00 each.

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