

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 17, 2022
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

WET WEDNESDAYS BEGIN MARCH 16th

Wednesday races begin March 16th and will run through October 19th. The Yacht Club's Wet Wednesday races are open to any boat entered by a member of a U.S. Sailing Association-recognized club. Locally, this means Santa Barbara Sailing Club and Santa Barbara Yacht Club boats, and anyone can participate as crew aboard an eligible boat. Wet Wednesday courses vary with wind conditions and boat size, and vary in length from 2 to 8 miles. First start is at 4:45 p.m., followed by six other classes spaced five minutes apart.

The Yacht Club is happy to announce the return of hosting a post-race barbeque, which is open to all racers and their guests. Note: Due to the Yacht Club's current remodeling, the opening-day ceremonies are scheduled for the first weekend in April.

For more information, contact the Santa Barbara Yacht Club at (805) 965-8112 or visit their website at www.sbyc.org.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP ON MAY 7th

The 14th annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 7th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The event kicks off with coffee, donuts, and a briefing on the Travel Lift Pier (next to the Harbor Patrol Office). Including last year's sweep, the Clean Marina event has removed a total of 25 tons of debris from the harbor floor. This year we'll focus on Marina 1 to remove seafloor debris below the A, B, C, D, E & F fingers.

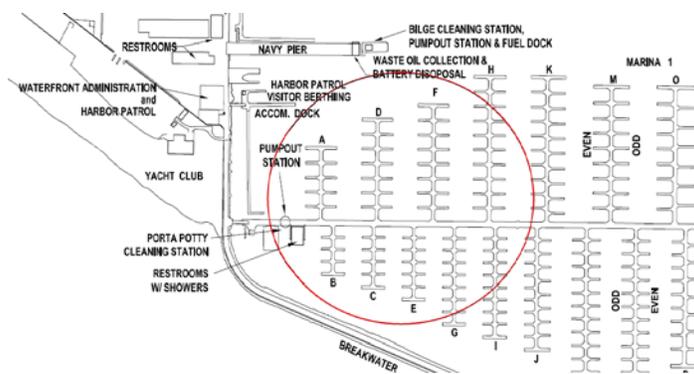


Figure 1: Operation Clean Sweep Map

Typically, Clean Sweep draws 40-50 volunteer dock workers, aided by a dozen divers from harbor-area dive-service companies. A fun and productive event that yields surprises ranging from barbecues, bow pulpits, deck chairs, cell phones, satellite dishes and more. Volunteers enjoy a free lunch at 11:30 a.m. when the cleanup concludes.

Anyone wishing to participate in this year's event can contact Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or eengebretson@santabarbaraca.gov.

HARBOR WATCH MEETING ON MAY 17TH

Modeled after the Neighborhood Watch programs in your neighborhood, the Harbor Watch meetings are a citizen-based group who work together to spot and report crime and hazards to public safety. Over time, this program has morphed into a general exchange of information between harbor users and Harbor Patrol officers, followed by more practical hands-on education and training. With the added hands-on approach, past attendees have been trained in CPR/First Aid, fire extinguishers, demonstrations on the use of marina fire-box hoses, flare demonstrations, and the discharge of flares in a controlled setting.

Evening Harbor Watch meetings are generally held twice a year, in spring and fall, which are advertised on the marina gates.

Mark your calendars for a tentative Harbor Watch meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Classroom and then meet on the beach southwest of the Yacht Club parking lot. This meeting, we will discuss crime statistics and finish with a flare demonstration and training.

HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET MAY 21ST

Sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, the 11th annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet will take place Saturday, May 21st in the Marina 3 parking lot. Come to buy, sell, peruse or just enjoy good company, coffee, and donuts at this uniquely local event. Typical sale items include sailboat rigging, fishing gear, outboard motors, surfboards, paddleboards, kayaks and all manner of boat parts. Signups for vendor spaces (\$10 apiece) begin Monday, April 11th.

Starting this year, the Waterfront Department will no longer sponsor the Hazmat Turn-In event that occurs at the Swap Meet. However, the Waterfront Department still encourages proper disposal of your hazardous materials. So while you boaters are checking your dock box for stuff to sell at the Swap Meet, please consider properly disposing of hazardous items like waste oil, old cans of varnish, lacquer, paint, gas, or diesel, before the boating season begins.

Please check the link below to locate facilities for your disposal needs, and remember all of the disposal and recycling facilities listed below are free to residents unless otherwise indicated.

<https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/services/recycling/specialwaste/hazardous.asp>

Questions? Contact Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or eengebretson@santabarbaraca.gov.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK BEGINS MAY 21st

National Safe Boating Week will run from May 21st through Memorial Day weekend. This campaign is a great reminder to all boaters of the importance of safety and responsibility while operating all types of vessels. With summer upon us, it's a great time to refresh your skills so you can enjoy boating – safely – with friends and family.

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