

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2022
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Harbor Operations Report**

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP UPDATE

On May 7th, Operation Clean Sweep, the Department's seafloor cleanup program, attracted 40 volunteer divers and dock workers who removed 1.5 tons of debris from the seafloor, bringing its 14-year total to 23.5 tons. Items removed included crab receivers, two outboard motors, urchin baskets, carpet, long sections of galvanized pipe, cell phones, electrical wire, steel cable, fishing poles, trash cans, dock carts, dock steps, tires, traffic cones, and a large tree trunk.

Staff wishes to thank Salty Dog Dive Services, NOAA, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron, Harbor Commissioners Cramer, Steadman, and Hanrahan, Waterfront facilities staff, and all other individual participants from throughout the community.

Next year we'll move deeper into Marina 1, continuing this seafloor litter-removal project.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN LISTSERV

Commercial Fishermen work in a unique industry. Plus, they have specialized needs for specialized information, such as dissolved-oxygen levels in the harbor, breaking fisheries news, or dates when the ice machine will be out of service for repairs.

To meet these needs, the Waterfront Department has for some time maintained a Fishermen's Listserv—a list of emails it uses to send an information “blast” when necessary. Lately, however, it seems the list has grown a bit stale. Each time information is disseminated, messages to several intended recipients come back as “undeliverable.” So, it's time to update the Listserv.

If you are involved in the local commercial fishing industry in Santa Barbara and wish to receive timely notices about programs, projects, or news affecting your operations, please consider joining the Fishermen's Listserv. Contact Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager, at Eengebretson@SantaBarbaraCA.gov to be added to the list.

HARBOR PATROL BLOTTER

April 22, 1250 hours - Harbor Patrol Officers responded to the anchorage east of Stearns Wharf on a report of a vessel dragging anchor. Officers responding aboard Boat 3 found the power vessel *Big Sam* soft aground on East Beach in front of the Cabrillo Bathhouse. The owner did not take responsibility of his property. Due to environmental and public safety concerns, within 24 hours the Waterfront Department contracted with MarBorg Industries and the vessel was removed from the beach.

May 5, 2022 0620 hours - Harbor Patrol Officers observed the sailing vessel *Sanctuary* aground on East Beach. The owner was notified and contracted with Vessel Assist to have his vessel removed from the beach.

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