

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 16, 2022
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Harbor Operations Report**

NAUTICAL SWAP MEET A GREAT SUCCESS

This year's Nautical Swap Meet welcomed over 30 vendors from Santa Barbara and across the state. Hundreds of visitors to the free event discovered deals on everything nautical, including surf boards, SUPs, wetsuits, anchors, lines, fenders, fishing gear, and ocean-themed art. While the most popular items sold were new and used rods and reels, the most frequent things swapped were fish tales.

The event hasn't been held since 2019 due to COVID, so vendors and visitors alike were grateful for the opportunity to see familiar faces and share a love for the ocean.

Coffee was provided by the Waterfront Department and donuts were provided by the Boat Launch Mini Mart. Proceeds from the Nautical Swap Meet go to the Harbor Merchant's Association.

JELLYFISHBOT COMES TO SANTA BARBARA HARBOR

The French company, Interactive Autonomous Dynamic Systems, visited Santa Barbara Harbor recently and provided a demonstration to Waterfront Department staff of their sea trash eating "Jellyfishbot."

The Jellyfishbot is a remote operated vehicle capable of collecting various types of waste and petroleum products from relatively sheltered waters of marinas and lakes. The company recently attended the Waste Expo in Las Vegas, and while traveling the west coast also reached out to various "Clean Marina" ports between San Diego and San Francisco to demonstrate their product.

HARBOR PATROL LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Known as Guardians of the Flame, on June 6, 2022, Harbor Patrol participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for the Special Olympics.

Law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the "Flame of Hope" into Opening Ceremonies of local competitions. They also carry it into Special Olympics' State, Provincial, National, Regional, and World Games. There are over 97,000 law

enforcement members that carry the “Flame of Hope” annually. The flame symbolizes courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

The Torch Run has grown over the years and now includes many fundraising platforms. These platforms include Plane Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cops, and more. Since the beginning, LETR has raised over \$600 million for Special Olympics programs.

As retired Chief Richard LaMunyon (founder) once said, “What started in 1981...as a flicker of hope for Special Olympics has now become a roaring flame of stability for Special Olympics athletes worldwide.”

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