

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2010
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: John N. Bridley, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

Department Secures Two Watercraft Abatement Grants

The Department recently received approval of its application for two Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) grants totaling \$48,500 for disposal of abandoned or derelict boats. The first grant (\$40,500) comes from DBW's Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund, for the removal and disposal of abandoned recreational vessels and related navigational hazards in City waters and on City beaches. The funds are used to reimburse the City 90% of the cost of removing and disposing the vessels, most of which are associated with winter storms.

The second grant (\$8,000) is from DBW's new Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP), which allows local public agencies to accept, for disposal, derelict vessels or vessels likely to become abandoned, beached or sunk that are voluntarily surrendered by their owners. Like the AWAFF grant, the funds are used to reimburse the City 90% of the cost of disposing vessels acquired under this program. The City, in turn, retains discretionary authority over which vessels it accepts under the VTIP program. City staff, therefore, will concentrate on vessels in its local waters.

25th Annual Parade of Lights—Sunday, December 12th

The annual Parade of Lights celebrates its 25th anniversary on Sunday, December 12th, when boats will decorate to the theme of "Silver Bells and Winter Swells." Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with a Santa's Village event on the City Pier, where Santa Claus and his elves will treat kids to goody bags and a 10-ton snowfield. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by an awards party at the Carriage and Western Art Museum at Pershing Park (129 Castillo Street). Best views of the Parade are from Stearns Wharf and the breakwater.

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