

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 21, 2011
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: John N. Bridley, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

Operation Clean Sweep May 7th

The fifth annual Operation Clean Sweep will take place Saturday, May 7th. Volunteers and Waterfront staff will concentrate on fingers "A" through "F" in Marina One. People wishing to volunteer as dock workers, helping haul junk up the Marina One gangway in trash carts, should contact Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 805-897-2587. To date, this annual event has resulted in removal of 15,000 pounds of seafloor junk from the Harbor. Staff will report results of this year's effort at the Commission's May 20th meeting.

Mothers Day Cruise Ship Visit May 8th

Following two inaugural visits from the elegant 740-foot cruise ship *Crystal Symphony* in April, the 950-foot *Sapphire Princess* will make its sixth visit on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. The ship will anchor a half-mile offshore, from where its 2,700 passengers and 500 crew will shuttle to Sea Landing—the departure point for walking tours, bus tours, wine-country visits and shopping trips in town. The ship arrives at 7:00 a.m. and departs at 4:00 p.m. The *Crystal Symphony*, in turn, brought about 700 visitors ashore on April 11th. Its second visit will be Saturday, April 23rd. Four more cruise ship visits—two each from Crystal and Princess lines—are scheduled this fall.

Harbor Swap Meet and Hazmat Turn-In Day May 14th

- **Harbor Swap Meet:** The Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, returns to Santa Barbara Harbor on Saturday, May 14th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come to the Marina 3 parking lot to buy, sell, peruse or just enjoy good company, coffee and donuts at this uniquely local event. Typical sales items include sailboat rigging, fishing gear, outboard motors, surfboards, kayaks and all manner of boat parts. Signups for vendor spaces (\$10 apiece) began April 4th at the Harbormaster's Office.
- **Hazmat Turn-In:** And while taking inventory of what you need to buy or sell, check your dock box, too, since this year's event is again coupled with a Hazmat Turn-In Day. Located next to the Swap Meet, you'll find a marked disposal area for hazardous materials you may wish to get rid of before boating season begins—items

like old cans of varnish, lacquer or paint, or small amounts of gasoline or diesel. In an effort to limit the Hazmat event to harbor boat owners only, an "entry ticket" will be included in May's slip billing. The ticket entitles the slip permittee to dispose of any appropriate items that are in his or her boat or dock box. No ticket is necessary to participate in the Harbor Swap Meet. Questions? Call Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 805-897-2587.

East Beach Storm Rescue

Harbor Patrol rescued a family of four, including a two-year old child and five-month-old infant (plus their dog), on March 20th, with help from the City Firefighters, a Coast Guard rescue swimmer and an oilfield crew boat. Amid towering seas and 40-knot southeast winds that smashed a starboard-side window on Patrol Boat #3, Patrol Officers made their way to the East Beach anchorage when summoned by the family, which initially tried to sit out one of the nastiest storms in years but ultimately sought evacuation.

Aided by a Coast Guard rescue swimmer who swam to the stricken boat, and by the oilfield crew boat *Alan T*, whose skipper expertly maneuvered her vessel to position just upwind of the rescue operation, providing a slight lee from the storm, the family was eventually taken aboard a patrol boat and escorted to the dock unharmed. Resulting from this multifaceted, rapidly evolving ocean rescue, Harbor Patrol Officers Ryan Kelly Ed Stetson have been nominated to receive Officer of the Year awards from the California Boating Safety Officers Association (CBSOA), which meets for its annual training symposium in late April.

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