

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 15, 2012
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

Harbor & Seafood Festival Recap

Over 14,000 people enjoyed the 11th annual Harbor & Seafood Festival on October 13th, consuming thousands of pounds of seafood in the process. By the end of the event, most vendors were sold out of lobster, crab and albacore. Three bands had folks up and dancing, and the City Pier was packed with non-profits and government groups dispensing maritime information. Restaurants were humming and the Maritime Museum raised \$1,500 raffling off a kayak, care of West Marine, Ocean Aire Electronics, Channel Islands Outfitters, the Santa Barbara Sailing Center and Blue Water Hunter. In summary, the Festival again showcased the best we have to offer at Santa Barbara Harbor, and we look forward to hosting the event again next fall.

Harbor Patrol Officer Receives Prestigious Recognition

On November 15th, The Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences (AUAS) will induct four divers at its annual awards banquet. They include Nick Caloyianis for Arts, Mike deGruy (posthumously) for Distinguished Service, Phillip Lobel, PhD for Science and Ed Stetson for Sports & Education. Founded in 1960, the AUAS is an international, multi-disciplinary, non-profit organization that recognizes pioneers and leaders who have had a global impact on the exploration, enjoyment, safety and preservation of the underwater world.

Sergeant Stetson, a Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol Officer for 27 years, has taught diving classes at UCSB since 1980 and also teaches courses at Santa Barbara City College's Marine Diving Technology Department. Ed has organized several benefit diving programs, donating proceeds to diving scholarships he established at UCSB's Research Diver's Association, SBCC's Marine Diving Technology Program and the Brooks Institute of Photography's Undersea Program. Contributions have also been made to the Historical Diving Society.

Please join staff in congratulating Sergeant Stetson on this remarkable milestone in his multifaceted career as a diver, dive instructor and Harbor Patrol Officer.

27th Annual Parade of Lights, Sunday December 9th

On Sunday, December 9th, boats will decorate to the theme of "Starry, Starry Night" during the 27th annual Parade of Lights. Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with Santa's Village on the City Pier, where Santa Claus and his elves will treat kids to goody bags

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and a 10-ton snowfield. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a five-minute fireworks show care of Bay Fireworks, the folks who brought us a fantastic July 4th display, and a rocking awards party at the Maritime Museum. It's not too late for boaters to sign up for this great community event, which offers over \$3,000 in prizes. Entry forms are available at the Harbormaster's Office. Best views of the Parade are from Stearns Wharf and the breakwater. See you there!

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