

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT**  
**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** May 16, 2013  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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**Operation Clean Sweep Removes 8,200 Pounds of Debris**

The seventh annual Operation Clean Sweep took place Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. A record 66 volunteers (21 divers and 45 dock workers) removed debris from fingers “I” through “L” in Marina One. Items removed included large barrels, pipes, chairs, buckets, liquor bottles, milk crates, an anchor, a card table, fishing net, two boat-bath liners, crab receivers, a typewriter and two marine batteries. (Clean Sweep participants have removed 15 marine batteries during the first seven years of what is anticipated to be a 10-year project). The total amount of debris removed weighed 2,600 pounds.

Three days later, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, a contractor removed components of an abandoned aquaculture facility from beneath “L” finger (identified during the Clean Sweep effort), that weighed another 5,600 pounds, bringing the total amount of junk removed from this year’s event to 8,200 pounds—the most for any Clean Sweep event. The seven-year total of seafloor junk removed now stands at 14.4 tons.

Staff wishes to thank all those who participated in this year’s Operation Clean Sweep, including volunteers from the Maritime Museum, NOAA, Channel Keeper, Surfrider, and Santa Barbara Zoo, plus several local dive businesses at the harbor. Next year, we’ll continue our march through Marina One, targeting fingers “M” through “P.”

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