

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT
DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

Date: November 20, 2014
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

ANOTHER OFFSHORE HARBOR PATROL RESCUE

During the evening hours of October 25, 2014 Harbor Patrol Officers Karl Halamicek and Larry Nufer responded to a Coast Guard report of a 26' motor vessel that was sinking nine miles southwest of Santa Barbara Harbor with two passengers aboard. Officers quickly got underway on Patrol Boat #2 (PB#2) and entered into their GPS the last known coordinates of the sinking vessel. While underway, the vessel sank and the two passengers abandoned ship into a small life-raft. Darkness and three-to-five-foot seas made locating the low-freeboard raft difficult, either visually or by radar, so Officers used an Automatic Radio Direction Finder to pinpoint the victims' location. Officers Nufer and Halamicek took the victims aboard PB#2 and found them cold, but otherwise uninjured. Harbor Patrol transported the victims safely back to Santa Barbara Harbor.

AND A FIRE RESPONSE. . .

Just before 9:00 a.m. on November 11th two Harbor Patrol officers responded in Patrol Boat #3 to a boat fire in Marina 2. They were on scene in two minutes. Light, white smoke was coming from the vessel's stern, and upon opening the boat's engine hatch the officers (wearing Personal Protective Gear—including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) observed the compartment full of white smoke and a small red/orange glow forward of the vessel's two engines. Officer Karl Halamicek deployed a dry-chemical extinguisher and put out the fire. A Fire Investigator arrived on scene with a thermal imaging device determined that a battery charger (now melted) mounted on a bulkhead forward the vessel's engines caused the fire. The vessel's owner praised the officers for their quick, successful response.

NEW HARBOR PATROL OFFICER JESSICA GRAY

Jessica Gray, our newest Harbor Patrol Officer, began work on October 4th, replacing Ed Stetson, who retired after a remarkable 29-year run with the Department. A UCSB graduate, Jessica brings a broad range of training and experience to the position, including over two years as Harbor Patrol crew. Her interests include adventure sports and martial arts. Please join the Department in welcoming Jessica to her new position. If you see her on the docks, feel free to introduce yourself to our newest Officer.

COMMERCIAL FISHING SLIP LOTTERIES

In November, staff terminated two slip permits for criminal behavior committed by the permittees. Neither termination was appealed. Both slips (35' and 60') are designated commercial fishing berths, and since there are no commercial fishermen on the Department's Master Waiting List, the slips will be reassigned via two separate Commercial Fishing Slip Lotteries. Staff will advertise the upcoming lotteries—including rules for participation—locally and statewide during designated window periods. Notices announcing the lotteries will also be posted on marina gates.

A lottery drawing for the 35' slip will be conducted at the January 22, 2015 Harbor Commission Meeting. Applications for this lottery will only be accepted from November 21, 2014 through January 8, 2015. A lottery drawing for the 60' slip will be conducted at the March 19, 2015 Harbor Commission meeting. Applications for this lottery will only be accepted from February 2, 2015 through March 5, 2015.

Individuals with questions about either lottery can contact Waterfront Department Executive Assistant Jeanette Prusinski (805-564-5519) for details.

PARADE OF LIGHTS DECEMBER 14TH

On Sunday, December 14th, boats will decorate to the theme of "Gone Fishin' for the Holidays" during the 29th 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, a 10-ton snowfield and a visit with the bearded one. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a five-minute fireworks show provided by Bay Fireworks and a lively awards party at the Maritime Museum. Slip permittees received sign-up forms in their November billing statements. Forms are also available at the Waterfront Office, Harbor Market and Fuel Dock. Best views of the Parade are from Stearns Wharf and the breakwater.

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