

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT
DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 22, 2015
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

DECEMBER STORM SLAMS THE WATERFRONT

A storm packing heavy rain and 40-knot southeast winds hit the Waterfront on December 9th, causing little damage except for some parted dock lines and torn sails. It did, however, ground five boats on beaches stretching from just east of Stearns Wharf to near the County Line. The owner of one beached sailboat had it removed immediately. The Department contracted to remove the other four during the week of December 15th at a cost of \$7,300, and is currently pursuing reimbursement from the vessels' owners.

PARADE OF LIGHTS RECAP

On a calm night between winter storms, 25 boats decorated to the theme of "Gone Fishin' for the Holidays" during the 29th annual Parade of Lights on December 14th. Thousands of spectators lined the breakwater and Stearns Wharf to watch the show. Activities began at 3:00 p.m., with over 200 children enjoying Santa's Village on the City Pier, an event featuring goody bags, 10 tons of snow and a visit with Santa. The parade began at 5:30 p.m., followed by a spectacular five-minute fireworks show and a lively awards party at the Maritime Museum.

This year's winners included Bernie Friedman aboard the *Perseverance*, who won the Commercial Fishing category and grand prize for Best Overall. Rachel Williams' *Channel Cat* won the Commercial Other category, Dave Delorie's *Arboleda* won the Power Boat category, Genelle Ives' *Feather Moon* won the Sailboat category and Lisa Foote and Scott Engelman aboard the kayak *Sea Mermaid* won the Human Powered category. Overall, the event was one of the best in recent memory, thanks to the efforts of the Parade of Lights Committee, the boaters who participated and generous prize donations from Waterfront tenants. The theme for next year's Parade of Lights, to be held December 6, 2015, is "Deck the Hulls with Bows of Holly."

COMMERCIAL FISHING SLIP LOTTERY

In November, 2014, the Department terminated a 60' slip permit for criminal behavior by its permittee. The termination was not appealed. The berth is a designated Commercial Fishing slip, and since there are no commercial fishermen on the Department's Master Waiting List, it will be reassigned via a Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery. A lottery

drawing for the 60' designated Commercial Fishing slip will be conducted at the March 19, 2015 Harbor Commission meeting.

Applications for the lottery, which will be broadly advertised, will be accepted from February 2, 2015 through March 5, 2015. Interested parties can obtain a Commercial Fishing Lottery Participation Request Form, which includes eligibility criteria, at the Harbormaster's Office or on the Department's website. Individuals with questions about the lottery can contact Waterfront Department Executive Assistant Jeanette Prusinski at 805-564-5519 for details.

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