

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 21, 2014
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Special Event Camping Permit—Santa Cruz 27 Regatta**

RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Review and consider a request for a special permit to allow event participant camping in the Harbor West parking lot from Thursday, July 16th until Monday, July 20th for the Santa Cruz 27 Regatta; and
- B. Approve the Santa Cruz 27 Regatta's request for participant camping for the upcoming event, as allowed per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 15.16.090.

DISCUSSION:

The Santa Cruz 27 Regatta is an annual regatta that changes its host city every year. This is the first time that the event has been held in Santa Barbara. Since the Regatta rotates locations each year, participants often travel by recreational vehicle with boats in tow. This year's Regatta will involve a maximum of up to 13 recreational vehicles as part of the event, and race organizers have requested space in the Harbor West Parking lot to provide overnight camping. Boat trailers and any additional vehicles associated with this regatta will be accommodated in the La Playa parking lots.

As mentioned in the previous report on the Wine & Roses Regatta, the Harbor Commission has the authority to permit special event camping within the Waterfront jurisdiction.

The Santa Cruz 27 camping footprint is much smaller than the long-established Wine & Roses Regatta and will have less impact. Staff will designate space in the center row of parking on the west end of the Harbor West lot (Attachment 2). The fee for renting the RV parking spaces will be \$48 per day. The designated RV parking area will allow for the Harbor West lot to remain open to through traffic for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians in both directions.

The Santa Cruz 27 Regatta is an ocean dependent use, and Waterfront staff supports the use of Waterfront facilities and the special event camping permits for this event.

Attachments: 1. Municipal Code Section 15.16.090
2. Site Map of Harbor West Parking Lot and Proposed Use Area

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Municipal Code

Section 15.16 Public Beaches and Parks

15.16.090 Posted Areas - Lawful to Camp.

Notwithstanding Sections 15.16.060 - 15.16.100, whenever any or all of any public park or place has been so designated by the Park Commission or the Harbor Commission, within their respective jurisdictions, as a place to do that which is otherwise made unlawful by this Chapter, and signs are posted giving notice of such fact, it shall be lawful to camp or sleep in the place so designated and posted, or, as the case may be, to use any recreational vehicle or temporary recreational vehicle for human habitation or camping purposes in the place so designated and posted. (Ord. 4269, 1984; Ord. 4045, §1, 1980; Ord. 3165 §1(part), 1966; Ord. 3003 §1(part), 1964.)

Santa Cruz 27 Regatta

July 16 to July 20, 2015

