

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT
DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

NAVY DESTROYER USS GRIDLEY VISITS SANTA BARBARA

The San Diego-based, 500' Navy destroyer USS Gridley visited Santa Barbara during the week of September 21st. The primary purpose of the visit was shore-leave for some 300 crew. There were no public tours.

Besides enjoying Santa Barbara before a long deployment, several of the Gridley's crew participated in community service events, including a beach clean-up at East Beach and reading with elementary school students at Ellwood Elementary School.

Navy ships typically visit Santa Barbara ever two to three years. The most recent visits were by the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan in 2014 and the destroyer USS Milius in 2011. The Gridley's visit to Santa Barbara was sponsored by the Santa Barbara Navy League, in conjunction with the City of Santa Barbara's Waterfront Department.

LOBSTER SEASON OPENS

California's recreational lobster season opened October 3rd, followed by the commercial season opener on October 7th. Hundreds of Santa Barbara sport divers and hoop-netters, plus dozens of commercial trappers took advantage of the often-bountiful season openers. Both seasons run until mid-March, 2016.

With warm-water El Niño conditions continuing to build, plentiful catches are expected, over the next several months, say California Department of Fish and Wildlife officials. Owing to the surge of warm water, harvests may also extend north of the lobsters' traditional range, which runs from Point Conception to Magdalena Bay on the west coast of Baja California.

PARADE OF LIGHTS DECEMBER 6th – HONORING VETERANS

This year's Parade theme, "A Red, White and Blue Holiday," reflects not only that the Parade will take place on the eve of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, but will serve to honor all veterans serving our country, past and present. After the Parade, an awards party at the Veterans Building (mountain side of Cabrillo Boulevard, between the Harbor and Stearns Wharf) will take place. Boaters will enjoy great food, care of the Waterfront Grill, meet local veterans (some of whom served in wars dating back to WWII) and

celebrate their service. Slip permittees will receive registration forms in their November billing statements. Meanwhile, staff will make forms available at the Harbormaster's Office, Fuel Dock and Harbor Market. Don't miss an opportunity to sign up for this unique holiday event. This will be a Parade of Lights to remember.

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