

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 15, 2009  
**To:** Harbor Commissioners  
**From:** John N. Bridley, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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#### **Parade of Lights Recap**

Nineteen boats lit up a sparkling clear evening December 7<sup>th</sup> during the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Parade of Lights. The parade followed a traditional Santa's Village event on the City Pier, where hundreds of children played in the snow and bent the jolly man's ear about their Christmas lists, while K-LITE radio piped holiday tunes through the venue. After the parade and fireworks, the Endless Summer bar-café sponsored a lively awards party, where participants and their friends toasted winners and celebrated the event. The grand prize winner this year was the commercial fishing boat *Oso Loco*.

The 2008 Parade of Lights was presented by the 2008 Parade of Lights Committee in conjunction with Santa Barbara Harbor Merchants Association, Stearns Wharf Business Association, Santa Barbara Yacht Club, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront.

#### **New Sewage Pumpout Boat**

A mobile sewage pumpout service—a first for Santa Barbara Harbor—hit the water December 8<sup>th</sup>, augmenting five dockside pumpout stations. Jon Payne (Mobius Rigging Services) restored and refitted an old Boston Whaler (*Mobius #2*) for the job, adding a pump system and a 150-gallon holding tank.

Pumpout services, including options for a basic pumpout, a pumpout with a fresh-water holding-tank rinse, and/or treatment with odor-killing chemicals, are available Mondays or by appointment during an emergency. Prices are variable, based on tank size and service requested. To learn more about the mobile pumpout or to schedule service, contact Jon Payne at [Mobiusrigging@gmail.com](mailto:Mobiusrigging@gmail.com) or call him at (805) 708-2427.

#### **Two Boats Sink in Separate Incidents**

On the morning of December 9<sup>th</sup>, a visiting 26' commercial lobster boat sank in its slip, without obvious cause. Salty Dog Dive Service spent the day raising the boat with float bags. Harbor Patrol then towed the vessel to the Travel Lift Pier, where it was hauled out for repairs in the Harbor Marine Works boatyard. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, a 28' recreational power boat sank in its slip and, like the previous vessel, was floated by Salty Dog Dive

Service and towed to the Travel Lift Pier, where it was hauled out for repairs. Thanks to quick action by Harbor Patrol, including deployment of absorbent pads and containment booms, neither sinking resulted in significant fuel spills. The cause of this second sinking appeared to be a bolt attaching the vessel's swim step that had degraded and broken below the waterline.

### **Bio-degradable Soaps**

While the Waterfront has for years recommended the use of biodegradable soaps for boat washing, the state now requires it, as part of a recent update to the City's Storm Water Management Plan. Using biodegradable soaps for boat washing will help keep ingredients like phosphates and bleach out of the harbor, which harm marine life and can contribute to algae blooms ("red tide"). The good news is that biodegradable soaps are available at most chandleries, boating outlets, auto shops and grocery stores.

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