

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 21, 2010
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: John N. Bridley, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

Mooring Area Update—Lottery Pending

Established in 2006, the Permitted Mooring Area east of Stearns Wharf includes 46 mooring sites. Per City Council Resolution, the Waterfront Department conducted lotteries in 2006 and 2007 to grant permits and assign vessels to those moorings. Moorings are deployed and inspected annually by City-approved inspectors, the cost borne by individual permittees who also pay annual permit renewal fees of \$250 per mooring. City Council Resolution No. 09-075 stipulates that any time the number of permittees in the Mooring Area declines to 30 or fewer, the Waterfront Department shall undertake a new lottery to fill the vacant mooring sites.

Owing to termination and/or relinquishment of several mooring permits, concluding with a permit terminated January 3rd for non-renewal (failure to pay annual fees or conduct an annual inspection); there are now 30 active permits in the Mooring Area. As such, the Department will conduct a general lottery, open to the public, to help fill the vacant mooring sites. A window period for submitting a lottery application for a mooring permit shall commence on Wednesday, February 3rd and close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3rd. Applications are available at the Harbormaster's Office or can be accessed on the City's website, www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Government/Departments/Waterfront. Application forms may be dropped off, mailed or faxed to the Waterfront Department. The mailing address is 132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara CA 93109. The fax number is 805-897-2588. The lottery will be advertised in local newspapers, plus a region-wide boating newspaper called *The Log*.

The Harbor Commission Chair will conduct a drawing to identify and rank lottery applicants at the Commission's March 18th meeting. Following the drawing, staff will begin contacting prospective permittees to initiate the process of assigning available mooring sites. Questions? Call Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at 805-897-2587.

Recap—24th Annual Parade of Lights

Competition was close between 27 boats competing for Best Overall Float in the 24th Annual Santa Barbara Harbor Parade of Lights. Packed with good tidings, lighted boats were adorned to this year's theme, "Underwater Wonderland." Starfish, mermaids,

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squid, seahorses, yellow submarines and more were subjects that surfaced under a clear, crisp sky before teeming crowds of onlookers. The Grand Prize, an Oregon resort getaway for 15 people care of Seacoast Yachts, plus \$1,500 cash from the Parade of Lights (POL) Committee, went to Bernard Friedman's commercial fishing vessel *Perseverance*. Congratulations to all participants. Please join us on December 12, 2010, to celebrate our 25th POL Anniversary.

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