

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 18, 2010  
**To:** Harbor Commissioners  
**From:** John N. Bridley, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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#### **January Storm Recap—Beached Boats**

Nine boats were initially grounded on East Beach as a result of mid-January storms. Four were removed by their owners, the rest by Marborg Industries, with whom the City contracted for disposal of the remaining craft. Aided by extremely low tides, Marborg was able to work in a timely, comprehensive manner, removing vessels in their entirety and raking the beach clean of remaining debris. The Waterfront Department spent \$9,140 on the Marborg effort, which it will endeavor to recoup via the Finance Department's collections process or via small-claims court.

Only one of the grounded boats came from the City-permitted mooring area off East Beach, and in that case the mooring tackle (chain, anchor, etc.) did not fail. Instead, a line connecting the mooring ball to the vessel chaffed and broke. Mooring permittees are solely responsible for maintaining this "pendant" line. The City has reminded them of such on several occasions, plus language to this effect is contained in City-approved ground tackle specifications for the mooring area.

#### **Harbor Patrol Officer Commandeers Oilfield Crew Boat to Safety**

At 5:05 p.m. on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Harbor Patrol received a report that the captain of the 95' oilfield crew-boat *Alan T* had suffered a seizure and needed assistance. Officers Troy Kuhlman and Larry Nufer responded aboard Patrol Boat #3 to the *Alan T* two miles off Santa Barbara. Officer Kuhlman transferred Officer Nufer onto the vessel, where Officer Nufer stabilized the patient, took command of the craft and safely navigated it back to Santa Barbara Harbor. An ambulance transported the patient to Cottage Hospital. This successful outcome reflects Harbor Patrol's broad array of required training, exemplified by the boat-to-boat personnel transfer, medical response and maneuvering a 95' (triple-propeller) oilfield crew boat back to port.

#### **Mooring Lottery Reminder**

A window to submit applications for a general lottery to help fill the vacant mooring sites in the East Beach Mooring Area remains open until 5:00 p.m. on 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](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Government/Departments/Waterfront). Application

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

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