

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 20, 2011
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: Scott Riedman, Interim Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

HARBOR FESTIVAL RECAP

Nearly 14,000 attendees hit the jackpot October 8th, when pristine fall weather graced the 10th annual Harbor & Seafood Festival, making it one of the most memorable to date. From paella to lobsters to fresh sea urchin uni, they savored a galaxy of regional seafood while enjoying outstanding music, free boat rides, tall-ship tours, arts and crafts and so much more. Staff wishes to thank all its partners in the festival, including Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, Inc., Harbor Merchants Association, Maritime Museum, Channel Islands Outfitters, Santa Barbara Sailing Center, NOAA and many more. With each passing year, the festival becomes more of a cooperative event sponsored by the entire Harbor community, making it a unique happening like none other on the coast. Next year should be no exception, so mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 13, 2012.

CRUISE SHIP VISITS

The 950' Sapphire Princess recently graced the Waterfront twice, once in late September, once in early October. Both visits were met with sunshine and a bounty of hospitality, thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Barbara County Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Organization. Approximately 1,800 passengers and 500 crew disembarked on each visit, enjoying City tours, wine tours and self-guided sightseeing around town. These visits are part of a new "breed" of California cruise itineraries, ones that begin in Long Beach, then visit Santa Barbara, San Francisco, San Diego, Ensenada and back to Long Beach. In prior years, the only cruise ship visits we saw were usually one each in spring and fall, when the ships repositioned to take advantage of warm weather in Mexico during winter and Alaska during summer.

Three more cruise ship visits are scheduled this year (small ships from Crystal Cruises that typically hold 750 passengers), with several more anticipated in 2012. The visits have helped boost our local economy while generating very few impacts to the Waterfront or downtown areas of the City.

TSUNAMI WORKSHOP OCTOBER 27TH

On October 27th, emergency services managers from the City and County will host a workshop on the latest in tsunami preparedness and response. The meeting will take place in the Marine Center Classroom from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will focus on general preparedness plus educational signs that will soon dot the Waterfront from Shoreline Drive to the Andrea Clark Bird Refuge. The signs will indicate when people are in a tsunami hazard zone and direct them toward designated evacuation routes. The signs are expected to go up as early as November, so don't miss this valuable workshop, especially if you work or recreate near the harbor. For more information, call Yolanda McGlinchy, the City's Emergency Services Manager, at 805-564-5711.

HARBOR CRIME STATISTICS

At the September Commission meeting, staff explained various engineering and administrative efforts undertaken to help deter unauthorized access into locked facilities like marinas and marina bathrooms. Commissioners subsequently asked staff to return with crime statistics for these areas. Attached, please find a year-over-year report on criminal activity in locked areas of the Waterfront, arranged by specific crimes. This list reflects contacts made, not necessarily citations issued or arrests made. Not all violations (dog off leash, etc.) are reflected in this report, only the most important violations taking place inside the marinas or in locked bathrooms.

A second report reflects a running list of enforcement contacts for calendar year 2011 (base data from which the first report was generated). These reports reflect modest, if not low, criminal activity in the marinas.

BOTTOM PAINT EXPERIMENT—PATROL BOAT 2

As part of ongoing efforts to reduce pollution in the harbor, the Department had Santa Barbara Marine Works apply a non-copper paint to the hull of Patrol Boat 2 (a 32' fireboat) in September. The biocidal additive is called Ecomea and was recently registered for use by the State of California. With copper bottom paint on Patrol Boat 1, Ecomea-based paint on Patrol Boat 2 and a zinc-based paint on Patrol Boat 3, the Department can now compare and contrast the effectiveness and duration of each. Staff will report on this comparison as part of its annual Clean Marina Program presentation next spring.

Attachment: Harbor Crime Statistics

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