

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** June 21, 2012  
**To:** Harbor Commissioners  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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### **Operation Clean Sweep Recap**

Over 40 volunteers hit the docks and the water for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Clean Sweep on May 5th, removing a record 3,200 pounds of seafloor junk from beneath fingers E through H in Marina One. That brings the project total to 21,200 pounds, with four years to go in the first “circumnavigation” of the harbor seafloor. This year’s haul included crab receivers, traps, pipes, lines, boat rigging and tools, plus two skiffs, an outboard motor, a dock cart, a shopping cart and five marine batteries. Volunteers from NOAA, SB ChannelKeeper, SB Surfrider, the Maritime Museum, the Harbor Commission and community at large partnered with several harbor dive-service companies for the debris-removal effort. Staff wishes to thank all the volunteers for the spirit and energy they devoted to this year’s Clean Sweep. We look forward to a similar “fishing trip” next spring.

### **Harbor Nautical Swap Meet Recap**

A record number of vendors (45) made the sixth annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet the most memorable to date. Hundreds of buyers sifted through mountains of nautical treasures at the May 12<sup>th</sup> event, a benefit for the Harbor Merchants Association (HMA). Staff would like to thank HMA for providing free bagels, coffee, donuts and fruit for vendors and buyers alike. Hot items at the Swap Meet included surfboards, fishing rods and reels, fishing lures, boat barbeques, sailboat rigging, anchors, kayaks, rafts, compasses and more.

### **Hazmat Turn-In Recap**

While buyers combed through piles of nautical gear at the Swap Meet, local boaters took advantage of a hazmat turn-in opportunity. Clean Harbors Environmental Services provided a disposal truck for boaters wishing to rid themselves of hazardous materials cluttering their dock boxes and boats. In total, boaters disposed of 1,370 pounds of hazardous waste, including oil, small batteries, propane tanks, paint and a variety of flammable liquids and solids.

### **Harbor Patrol Rescues Horse at Sea**

In one of the oddest Harbor Patrol rescues on record, Officer Ryan Kelly partnered with the Carpentaria-Summerland Fire Department and State Parks to rescue a \$150,000 Arabian show horse that swam over two miles to sea after being spooked during a beachside photo shoot. The May 15<sup>th</sup> saga began around 6:45 p.m. near Loon Point, five miles east of Santa Barbara Harbor, where the six-year old horse threw his rider and swam out to sea. Officer Kelly aboard Harbor Patrol Boat #1 and Carpinteria Fire Department personnel aboard a jet ski began a search pattern, during which the animal was located, treading water and nearly exhausted. Responders rigged a harness with the patrol boat's tow line, securing it beneath the horse's saddle and attaching it alongside the vessel. Officer Kelly then slowly towed the animal while Carpinteria Fire and State Parks personnel held its head above water with the help of the rescue buoy. After two hours, they were close enough to shore that Carpinteria firefighters and a state lifeguard could swim the animal through the surf line with their paddle boards to a veterinarian waiting on the beach. Despite its ordeal, the horse recovered fully.

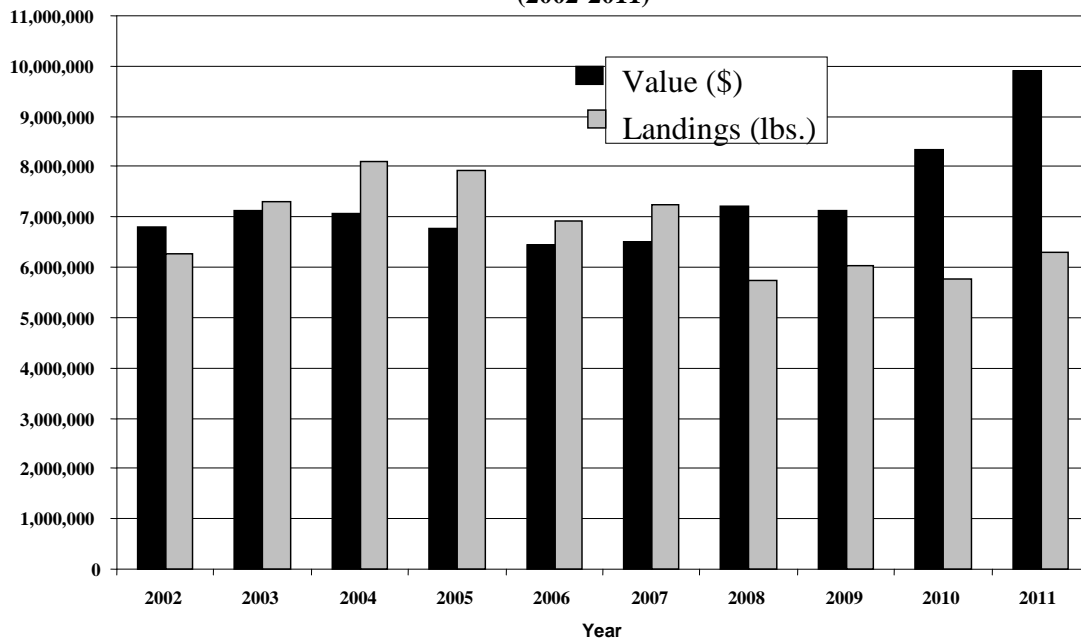
### **Senate Bill 623 (copper) Deferred**

Senate Bill 623 (Kehoe), a proposed law that would limit and eventually ban the use of copper in vessel bottom paints statewide, has been pulled from legislative consideration for this year. The action comes after its author received a letter from paint manufacturers (attached) spelling out actions and studies aimed at addressing copper pollution in California harbors. Because Senator Kehoe's term will end in November, sponsors of SB 623 (the Port of San Diego and San Diego Coast Keepers) must find another author if they wish to introduce similar legislation in 2013.

### **Santa Barbara Commercial Fishing Value Up 21% in 2011**

Led by strong landings of sea urchins, lobster and sablefish, preliminary data from the California Department of Fish and Game indicates that 2011 was a banner year for Santa Barbara's commercial fisheries. Overall landings were 6.3 million pounds, the highest since 2007, with an ex-vessel value (amount paid to fishermen) of \$9.9 million, the highest in over a decade. The accepted multiplier for overall fisheries value is 4x, reflecting economic benefit to wholesalers, distributors, trucking firms, ice facilities, restaurants, retail fish markets and the like. Considering this multiplier, the value of Santa Barbara fisheries was nearly \$40 million 2011, compared to \$33 million in 2010, a 21% increase. This trend bodes well for our sustainable fisheries and the fishing families who depend upon them. Staff will continue to report on this data annually.

**\*Santa Barbara Harbor Ex-Vessel Value and Total Landings  
(2002-2011)**



\*Graph courtesy of California Department of Fish and Game.

### **New Harbor Patrol Officer Billy Larsen**

Billy Larsen joined the Waterfront Department as a Harbor Patrol Officer on June 18<sup>th</sup>, replacing Billy Petrini, who is moving to Wyoming to be with family. Billy Larsen served three years as Harbor Patrol Crew, two years as a Wildland Firefighter, six years as a fisheries biologist aide and fisheries technician and 11 summer seasons as a beach lifeguard, lead lifeguard and junior lifeguard instructor. Among his accomplishments, Billy received a Medal of Valor from the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA).

Billy's earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from UCSB. He has completed a Firefighter 1 Academy (584 hours), several fire technology classes, Emergency Medical Technician certification and a earned a U.S. Coast Guard operator's license for passenger vessels, with a commercial towing endorsement. Billy's personal interests include backpacking, surfing, reading, spear fishing and photography. Please join the Department in welcoming Billy to his new position.

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities**

The Waterfront Department, in cooperation with City Parks and SPARKLE, will co-host a fireworks display beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4th. Fireworks produced by Bay Fireworks will launch from West Beach and last 18-20 minutes. The

public is encouraged to come down to the Waterfront early and enjoy offerings from food and beverage vendors along Cabrillo Boulevard (between State and Castillo streets) beginning at 11:00 a.m. The public is strongly encouraged to use mass transit, walk or bike to the Waterfront. MTD bus and shuttle services will be available.

Live music will be featured during SPARKLE's (free) 2012 Freedom Celebration event at West Beach beginning at 7:00 p.m. The entertainment includes a 50-piece combo band from the Air National Guard Band of the Southwest. Radio AM 1290 will provide simulcast music accompanying the pyrotechnic display. The public is encouraged to bring their personal radios to the beach and tune to AM 1290. For complete information on the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/July4SB](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/July4SB).

Attachment: American Coatings Association Letter

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