

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 21, 2013
To: Harbor Commissioners
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

Mooring Lottery

The Waterfront Department is currently accepting applications to participate in a lottery drawing for assignment of Mooring Permits in the mooring area east of Stearns Wharf. The deadline to submit an application for lottery participation is 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2013.

Twenty-two (22) Mooring Permits are currently available. The number of available sites is limited for various sized vessels, thus Mooring Site Permit offers are subject to the availability of a Mooring Site of an appropriate size for a proposed vessel. Mooring Site assignments will take into consideration both an individual's lottery ranking and the size of his/her proposed vessel.

All lottery applications must be made on an official Lottery Participation Request Form. Applications must be submitted to the Waterfront Department Administration Office only, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Individuals may apply:

- In person at 132 A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA;
- By mail, to Harbormaster, 132 A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109; or
- By fax, to 805-897-2588

See the full text of Santa Barbara Municipal Code 17.20.255 and related Resolutions for complete regulations, procedures, and eligibility requirements pertaining to the Santa Barbara Mooring Area at the Waterfront Administration Office or online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Government/Departments/Waterfront.

Applications received by the March 4th deadline will be drawn at random and ranked at the March 21, 2013 Harbor Commission meeting.

Legislation Introduced to Extend Vessel Turn-In Program

The Department of Boating and Waterways' Vessel Turn-In Program, established in 2009, aims to remove derelict boats from state waters before they sink or become grounded. The grant program reimburses local entities for the cost to store and dispose of boats voluntarily surrendered by their owners. The VTIP has provided \$17,000 in grants to the City Santa Barbara to remove 12 derelict vessels, part of \$236,000 spent statewide to dispose of 144 boats.

Though the VTIP program is set to expire at the end of 2013, Senator Ted Lieu (D-Torrance) has introduced legislation, SB 122 that would indefinitely extend the life of the VTIP program. Mayor Schneider has sent a letter to Senator Lieu supporting SB 122, a copy of which is attached to this report. Staff will keep the Commission apprised of SB 122's progress through the legislative committee process.

Undaria Management Project

California Sea Grant and UCSB's Marine Science Institute are studying ways to stem the spread of *Undaria pinnatifida*, or "Asian kelp," in harbor environments like Santa Barbara. The invasive algae, which tends to displace native kelp, first appeared in California harbors in 2000, but since then all attempts to eradicate it (mostly by manual extraction) have failed.

Operating on the principal of Integrated Pest Management, scientists will test a theory that the introduction of kelp crabs (*P. productus*), which graze on Asian kelp, may decrease the number of young Asian kelp plants before they can reproduce. Field investigators will collect and cage crabs on the side of docks in Santa Barbara Harbor that have high infestations of Asian kelp. Periodically, they will count the number of kelp plants, plus grazing levels on the kelp plants and the reproductive status of new Asian kelp recruits in the experimental plots. The experiment will run from April through May, a time of high Asian kelp recruitment in the harbor. Staff will report back to the Commission on results of this experiment.

Attachment: Mayor's letter to Senator Ted Lieu

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