

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT

### DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 20, 2014  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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#### Storm Recap

A powerful winter storm, particularly troublesome since it occurred simultaneously with seasonal high tides and a large westerly swell, pummeled the Waterfront on the weekend of February 28th. Overall, the harbor fared well, with no injuries or ocean rescues. There were, however, several significant consequences:

- Near closure of the harbor mouth (covered in a separate report);
- Significant flooding of Harbor Way from waves overtopping the an 800' berm extending from the Yacht Club toward Leadbetter Beach;
- Three beached boats (anchorage, not mooring area), all removed;
- Dramatic erosions of local beaches, specifically East Beach;
- A broken window and destroyed catwalk at Moby Dick's restaurant;
- Damaged and/or broken piles and twisted pile caps on Stearns Wharf;
- Large mats of kelp "land locking" boats in Marina One;
- Flooding and closure of Harbor West Parking Lot for three days;

Direct costs from the storm included:

- Rebuilding the catwalk at Moby Dick's: \$5,430.46
- Remove kelp from harbor (estimated): \$8,000
- Remove one sailboat from East Beach \$1,900: and
- Repairing Stearns Wharf pile and pile-cap, cost TBD (included in pending pile driving contract).

#### Suspected Boat Thief Apprehended

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Harbor Patrol arrested a man who allegedly stole the passenger vessel *Double Dolphin* from its Santa Barbara Sailing Center berth in Marina 4. The suspect apparently untied the vessel and drifted across the harbor toward Marina 1. By then, it was in considerable disarray, with a bathroom door pulled off its hinges, a sail cover torn and a stereo ripped from its console. Damage was estimated at \$2,000-\$3,000 dollars. The suspect is in County jail on a charge of grand theft, with bail set at \$500,000.

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