

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 2014
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Special Event Camping Permit—Wine and Roses Regatta**

RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Review and consider a request for a special permit to allow event participant camping in the Harbor West parking lot from 5 p.m. Friday, August 15th until 5 p.m. Sunday, August 17th during the 2014 Wine and Roses Regatta; and,
- B. Approve Wine and Roses Event Chairman Steve Leo's request for participant camping for the upcoming event, as allowed per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 15.16.090.

DISCUSSION:

The Wine and Roses Regatta (Regatta) is a California State Catamaran Championship, which has been held at Leadbetter Beach each August since 1996. It is hosted by the Southern California Hobie Cat Fleets and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The event has been well attended over the years and event organizers and participants have cooperated with local businesses and with Waterfront Parking staff. At the end of each year's event, the beach and parking lot facilities have been left in good condition.

The boats and equipment on the beach tend to be expensive and could potentially be vulnerable to theft and vandalism. Mr. Steve Leo, one of the event organizers, would like to again request a special camping permit so that participants may legally safeguard their equipment. The Harbor Commission has approved special event permits for this Regatta since 1998.

Although the Santa Barbara Municipal Code prohibits camping in public places, in Section 15.16.090 (Attachment 1), the Harbor Commission has been given the discretion to post and designate an area for camping within the Waterfront jurisdiction. The Wine and Roses Regatta request is for a 48-hour period from 5 p.m. Friday, August 15th until 5 p.m. Sunday, August 17th.

The event is expected to use 130 spaces of the Harbor West lot (Attachment 2). The fee for renting the parking lot will be \$1,300 per day (\$10 per space x 130 spaces). Event participants who wish to use a Harbor West parking space prior to 5 p.m. Friday, August 15th will be responsible for the parking fee of \$2 per hour and will be required to deposit their fees at any of the three LUKE self-pay stations in the Harbor West parking lot.

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The Regatta is an ocean dependent use, and Waterfront staff supports the use of Waterfront facilities and the special event camping permits for this events.

Attachments: 1. Municipal Code Section 15.16.090
2. Site Map of Harbor West Parking Lot and Proposed Use Area

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Municipal Code

Section 15.16 Public Beaches and Parks

15.16.090 Posted Areas - Lawful to Camp.

Notwithstanding Sections 15.16.060 - 15.16.100, whenever any or all of any public park or place has been so designated by the Park Commission or the Harbor Commission, within their respective jurisdictions, as a place to do that which is otherwise made unlawful by this Chapter, and signs are posted giving notice of such fact, it shall be lawful to camp or sleep in the place so designated and posted, or, as the case may be, to use any recreational vehicle or temporary recreational vehicle for human habitation or camping purposes in the place so designated and posted. (Ord. 4269, 1984; Ord. 4045, §1, 1980; Ord. 3165 §1(part), 1966; Ord. 3003 §1(part), 1964.)

