

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT  
DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** August 13, 2015  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> RECAP**

One of the best Independence Day Celebrations in recent memory took place July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Waterfront. Thousands of people enjoyed a lovely beach day, made lovelier by stage performances from family-friendly musicians and dancers, plus food provided by several curbside vendors. The fireworks display, care of Garden State Fireworks, a 130-year-old pyrotechnics company, was magnificent, featuring effects not seen before in local shows. A music simulcast via KJEE 92.9 FM accompanied the display.

This year, the Department ramped up its social media campaign, setting up a link from its website that included information on best ways to access the event, plus parking information, bus schedules and more. The site received 32,000 “hits” in the days preceding the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Finally, thanks in large part to the presence of many City of Santa Barbara police officers, there were very few law-enforcement contacts during the entire day and evening. This added an extra layer of comfort for this traditional family celebration.

**SLIP LOTTERY LIST DRAWING PENDING**

The Santa Barbara Municipal Code provides that available slip permits not assigned via the Department’s Master Waiting List or Sub-Master Waiting List shall be assigned to applicants on a Lottery List, as described in Resolution 05-018, Sections A and B.

**(Note:** When a slip permit reverts to City control, it is first offered, by slip-size category, to persons chronologically ranked on the Department’s Master Waiting List, which has been closed to new applicants since 2000. If the slip-size category matching the available slip has been exhausted, the slip permit is then offered to the Sub-Master Waiting List, a collapsed version of the Master Waiting List, absent slip-size categories, arranged chronologically by date of application. If nobody on the Sub-Master Waiting List accepts the slip permit offer, it then goes to the Lottery List, as described in Resolution 05-018.)

The Department first established the Lottery List in 2005. It contained 50 names. The cost to remain on the list is \$40 per year, same as the cost to remain on the Master Waiting List. Per Section B of Resolution 05-018, the Department is obligated to augment the Lottery List through another public lottery process anytime the List contains 20 applicants or fewer.

Via attrition, 12 names remain on the List. Therefore, the Department will advertise and open a “window” for individuals to submit Lottery Participation Requests for a drawing to augment the Lottery List. The window for submitting Lottery Participation Requests will open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2015. Lottery Participation Request Forms will be available at the Waterfront Department (132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109) and on the Department’s website ([www.santabarbaraca.gov/Waterfront](http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Waterfront)).

The drawing to augment the Lottery List will be held at the November 19, 2015 Harbor Commission meeting. In compliance with Resolution 05-018, the Commission chair will draw up to 50 Lottery Participation Requests, with the intent to augment the current Lottery List by 38 names, to a total of 50.

## **KING HARBOR RACE RECAP**

Marking a high-point in our yachting season, 58 sailboats (down from 93 last year) departed Santa Barbara Harbor July 24<sup>th</sup> for the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual King Harbor Race, an 81-mile course that terminates at King Harbor in Redondo. Winds at the starting line were 3-5 knots, just enough to send the fleet slowly over the horizon, and remained moderate and steady throughout the race. While some boats sailing ahead of the light breeze managed to reach Redondo by midnight, others slowed to a crawl and some did not finish until morning. Logistically, however, the race was flawless and enjoyed by all. Some Santa Barbara boats finished well, including *Rock and Roll*, *Taxi Dancer* and *Warrior* sweeping the podium in Class “A,” plus a strong showing by *Uncle Bob* and *Restless* in the “B” fleet. For complete King Harbor race results visit the Santa Barbara Yacht Club website at <http://www.sbyc.org/>.

## **FARR 40 RACES**

From August 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and Santa Barbara Waterfront Department will host the Farr 40 North American Championship races. Farr 40s are among the highest-tech sailboats in the world, and we are honored to accommodate this elite fleet and its world-class sailors. Last August, we hosted the Santa Barbara leg of the Farr 40 West Coast Championships. This month’s race is a step above that, on the road to the Farr 40 World Championships, scheduled for Long Beach in September.

For reasons related to practicality and public recognition, commercial fishermen on Fish Float South and the west side of Marina 1-A have volunteered to relocate their vessels during the event, so the race boats can line up together in high-profile fashion adjacent to the breakwater beneath the Harbormaster’s Office. It should be quite a sight, and the Farr 40 races will no doubt attract lots of public and media interest.

If you want to watch the races, the breakwater sidewalk along the oceanfront is a great spot for viewing. Meanwhile, we wish all the racers a successful event and an enjoyable stay in Santa Barbara.

## **KAYAKS & STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDS—A CROWDED HOUSE**

Kayak and Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) activity in the harbor has grown considerably over the past few years, raising concerns—even ire—among sailboat and powerboat operators, and increasing the possibility of vessel accidents. To date, thankfully, there have been no accidents, but some close calls have boaters, lessees and Waterfront staff looking to improve safety in our increasingly crowded harbor.

First, after working with harbormasters in Dana Point and Santa Cruz harbors, who face similar challenges and have developed their own unique sets of safety guidelines, staff met with harbor lessees who rent human-powered craft.

Resulting from these discussions, staff will design and install signs at various harbor locations, advising paddlers of where to travel to avoid larger craft. Staff will also create colored lanyards (different colors for different harbor lessees), with laminated cards hung from them showing a map of preferable paddling routes on one side and reminders for safe paddling on the other. Supplied free to harbor vendors, the lanyards will be issued to paddlers after they receive instruction on safe paddling (before renting SUPs and kayaks).

The lanyards and cards will serve as reminders of what renters have been taught, and, besides identifying which paddlers rent from which business (for educational contacts if necessary), will help discern which paddlers came from lease-holders compared to other sources, including BAPs, car-top visitors and harbor boat owners and their guests. In turn, this will help inform the Department on what other measures it can employ to advance boater safety. As part of this public outreach, staff has added a link to its website with maps, safe-paddling tips and a safe-paddling video.

Certainly, this is the beginning, not the end, of an enhanced boater-safety program for a harbor growing more crowded with human-powered craft. Staff will report back to the Commission on its efforts moving forward.

Attachment: City Council Resolution 05-018

Prepared by: Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 05-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING LOTTERIES TO CREATE WAITING LISTS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF HARBOR SLIPS.

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 17.20 provides that Harbor slips that are not assigned through either the Master Waiting List or the Sub-Master Waiting List, or if either of those lists have no slip applicants, shall be assigned to applicants on waiting lists selected through a lottery process; and

WHEREAS, the procedure for conducting the lotteries are set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. General. The following procedure shall apply to the creation of waiting lists by lottery drawing (Lottery Lists) for the assignment of slips that are designated Commercial Fishing Slips or that can be utilized for either commercial or recreational purposes and that have been referred to the Lottery List.

**A. LOTTERY LIST FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF SLIPS NOT SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING.**

Any slip that remains unassigned after being offered for assignment to the Master Waiting List or Sub-Master Waiting List, or if the Sub-Master Waiting List has no applicants, shall be offered for assignment to an applicant on a Lottery List as established herein.

1. Lottery Participation Request.

To participate in a lottery for placement on a Lottery List for the assignment of a slip that may be utilized either for commercial or recreational purposes, an applicant must submit a completed Lottery Participation Request form to the Waterfront Department. Lottery Participation Request forms shall be submitted to and received by the Waterfront Department within a designated time period that shall conclude no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Harbor Commission hearing scheduled for the lottery drawing. The opening date and duration of the time period for the submission of Lottery Participation Requests to the Waterfront Department shall be publicly noticed and shall be posted at the Waterfront Department. During this time period, Lottery Participation Request forms may be obtained from the Waterfront Department during

normal business hours. An individual may submit only one Lottery Participation Request. At the conclusion of the time period for accepting Lottery Participation Requests, the Waterfront Department shall place all completed Lottery Participation Requests in a sealed folder ("Request Folder").

2. Lottery List Formation.

The Lottery List shall be established by a drawing of Lottery Participation Requests from the Request Folder by the Harbor Commission Chair during a scheduled public hearing. At the hearing, the Harbor Commission Chair shall draw, by lot, a maximum of seventy (70) Lottery Participation Requests from the Request Folder. The first fifty (50) Lottery Participation Requests drawn from the Request Folder shall be provisionally placed on the Lottery List. The remaining twenty (20) Lottery Participation Requests drawn from the Request Folder shall be placed in a separate folder ("Contingency Folder") to be used on a contingency basis. If any of the fifty (50) applicants whose Lottery Participation Request has been provisionally placed on the Lottery List fail to successfully complete the application process, the Waterfront Director shall add the next-ranked Lottery Participation Request from the Contingency Folder to the end of the Lottery List. This process of adding Lottery Participation Requests from the Contingency Folder shall continue until the Lottery List contains a maximum of fifty (50) completed applications. Upon completion of the Lottery List, all incomplete applications and all Lottery Participation Requests remaining in the Request Folder and the Contingency Folder shall be discarded.

3. Lottery List Ranking.

The Commission Chair shall rank the Lottery Participation Requests according to the order in which each Lottery Participation Request is drawn from the Request Folder. The first applicant whose Lottery Participation Request is drawn from the Request Folder shall be ranked number one on the List. The second applicant whose Lottery Participation Request is drawn from the Request Folder shall be ranked number two on the Lottery List and so on until each of the seventy (70) drawn Lottery Participation Requests are ranked. The final Lottery List shall consist of applicants with the highest ranked Lottery Participation Requests, up to a maximum of fifty (50), who have timely submitted complete applications and paid the Lottery Participation Fee.

**B. AUGMENTATION OF THE LOTTERY LIST.**

A lottery drawing shall be conducted by the Harbor Commission whenever the Lottery List contains twenty (20) applicants or fewer.

1. Lottery Participation Requests.  
Lottery Participation Requests shall be submitted to and received by the Waterfront Department in accordance with procedures for submitting Lottery Participation Requests set forth in Section A.1 herein.
2. Procedure to Augment the Lottery List.  
The lottery shall be conducted by the Harbor Commission in the same manner as established for creating the original Lottery List as set forth in Section A herein. The Harbor Commission Chair shall draw, by lot, a maximum of fifty (50) Lottery Participation Requests from the Request Folder with the intent to augment the Lottery List by up to thirty (30) applicants. Lottery Participation Requests drawn by the Chair from the Request Folder shall be added, in the order drawn, at the end of the Lottery List in accordance with the procedures for Lottery List formation set forth in Section A 2 herein. The process of adding applicants to the Lottery List shall continue until the Lottery List contains a maximum of fifty (50) total completed applications. Upon completion of the Lottery List, all incomplete applications and Lottery Participation Requests not selected and remaining in the Request Folder shall be discarded.
3. Ranking.  
Ranking of applicants to augment the Lottery List shall be in accordance with the procedures for ranking set forth in Section A.3. herein.

**C. COMMERCIAL FISHING SLIP LOTTERY.**

1. Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Request.  
To qualify for placement in a Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery, all applicants must submit a completed Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Request to the Waterfront Department. Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests shall be submitted to and received by the Waterfront Department within a designated time period that shall conclude no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Harbor Commission hearing scheduled for the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery drawing. The opening date and duration of the time period for the submission of Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests to the Waterfront Department shall be publicly noticed and shall be posted at the Waterfront Department. During this period Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Request forms may be obtained from the Waterfront Department during normal business hours. An individual may submit only one Commercial Fishing Lottery Participation Request. At the conclusion of the time period for accepting Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests, the Waterfront Department shall place all completed Lottery Participation Requests in a sealed folder ("Commercial Fishing Request Folder").

2. Lottery Formation.  
The Harbor Commission shall hold a public hearing during which the Commission Chair shall draw, by lot, a maximum of three (3) Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests from the Commercial Fishing Request Folder for potential slip assignment.
  
3. Lottery Ranking.  
The three (3) applicants whose Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests are selected in the lottery shall be ranked according to the order in which their Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests were drawn by the Commission Chair. The first applicant whose Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Request is drawn shall be ranked number one and so on. The Commercial Fishing Slip available for assignment to the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery shall be offered for assignment to the applicant whose Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Request is ranked number one in the Lottery and who satisfies all requirements for assignment of a Commercial Fishing Slip. If the number one ranked applicant cannot satisfy the requirements for assignment of a Commercial Fishing slip, the number two ranked applicant shall be offered the slip assignment, and so on. Once a slip assignment offer is accepted from the Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery, the remaining Commercial Fishing Slip Lottery Participation Requests shall be discarded and the Lottery shall be disbanded.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-018**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ) ss.  
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Barbara at a meeting held on March 1, 2005, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Brian B. Barnwell, Iya G. Falcone, Roger L. Horton, Helene Schneider, Mayor Marty Blum

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Dan B. Secord, Das Williams

ABSTENTIONS: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara on March 2, 2005.

  
*Cynthia M. Rodriguez*  
Cynthia M. Rodriguez, CMC  
City Clerk, Services Manager

I HEREBY APPROVE the foregoing resolution on March 2, 2005.

*Marty Blum*  
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Mayor