

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 16, 2017  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Business Services Report**

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#### **SANTA BARBARA SAILING CENTER: SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR!**

On January 18, 2017, the Santa Barbara Sailing Center was awarded the "2016 Small Business of the Year" at the 9th Annual Regional Business Awards Luncheon hosted by The Chamber of Santa Barbara. Mr. Skip Abed, owner of the Santa Barbara Sailing Center accepted the award on behalf of the hard work of all staff, Club Members and Community partners that contribute to the success of the Santa Barbara Sailing Center.

Skip has been a mainstay in the Harbor since 1992 when he began working at the Santa Barbara Sailing Center (Sailing Center). Skip went on to purchase the Sailing Center in 2000 and has successfully worked to improve the business. The Sailing Center's current offerings include whale watching, scenic cruises, boat rentals, SUP rentals, kayaks, charter services, sailing lessons, summer camps, and much more.

Skip is the president of the Harbor Merchants Association and is very involved in the Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, the Parade of Lights and the Harbor and Seafood Festival. The Sailing Center is always there to lend a helping hand and is great member of our harbor community. Congratulations to Skip and the Santa Barbara Sailing Center on a well-deserved award!

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