

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 18, 2017  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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#### **PADDLE BOARDER PERISHES IN HARBOR ACCIDENT**

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:10 pm, Harbor Patrol Boat #1 (PB1) responded to a report of an adult male paddle boarder who'd fallen off his board and hadn't been seen for several minutes. While Officer Jan Martinez worked to determine where the victim was last seen and to assess other available resources, Officer Rick Hubbard donned a wetsuit and made several breath-hold dives in the vicinity of buoy #6 in the harbor, working along a slope cut by the recent dredge operation. He was unable, however, to locate the victim. Santa Barbara City Fire's water rescue team did the same, with the same result.

Meanwhile, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs dive team, already in the area for training aboard the vessel *Truth*, diverted to the scene, transferred to PB1 and began an "expanding circle search" for the victim, who was soon located on the seafloor. Though the victim was wearing an inflatable "fanny-pack-style" personal floatation device designed to deploy with a pull-cord, it remained un-deployed.

Patrol Officers drove the victim to the launch ramp, where paramedics later declared him deceased. The 30-year-old victim was a Westmont graduate, where he was well known as a standout scholar-athlete. Waterfront staff joins our community in grieving the loss of this young man.

#### **SAN SALVADOR REPLICA VISITS SANTA BARBARA HARBOR**

From May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>, a 92' replica of the *San Salvador* will visit Santa Barbara for dockside tours and, on the final day of its stay, a public sail. The *San Salvador* was the flagship of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo's small fleet that sailed in 1542 and was the first European ship to explore the U.S. West Coast. The replica will dock on the north side of the City Pier with the following tentative schedule for its activities:

Wednesday, May 17-- Arrives approximately 10:00 a.m. with greeting by Chumash  
Maritime Association  
(Volunteer training 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Thursday, May 18 ----- Dockside Tours/ Events 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 19 ----- Dockside Tours/ Events 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20----- Dockside Tours/ Events 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 21 ----- Dockside Tours 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 22 ----- Dockside Tours 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 23 ----- Public Sails 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information, or to purchase tickets to tour or sail upon this historic replica, contact the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum at (805) 962-8404 or at [www.sbmm.org](http://www.sbmm.org)

## **OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP RECAP**

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Operation Clean Sweep, the Department's seafloor cleanup program, attracted 50 volunteer divers and dock workers, who removed 1.5 tons of junk from the seafloor, bringing its 11-year total to 19.2 tons. Items removed included bicycles, a galley sink, fishing poles, a steering wheel, crab receivers, dock carts, dock steps, tires, outboard motors, a fiberglass skiff, an inflatable boat, and a microwave oven.

Staff wishes to thank a stalwart volunteer corps, including local dive companies, NOAA, ChannelKeeper, Surfrider Foundation, Maritime Museum, Harbor Commissioners Sloan and Cramer, and individual participants from throughout the community.

Next year we'll move to Marina 2, continuing this seafloor litter-removal project.

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