

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 19, 2017  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Harbor Operations Report**

---

#### **TWO NEW HARBOR PATROL OFFICERS JOIN THE WATERFRONT TEAM**

Nathan Alldredge joined the Department as Harbor Patrol Officer on August 21<sup>st</sup>. He brings a decade of experience as a local educator, plus working as a deckhand with Island Packers and several years as Harbor Patrol Crew. He was an NCAA Champion water polo player at Stanford and played professional water polo in Germany. Nathan speaks German, French, Spanish, and Italian. He holds a USCG Operators License and Emergency Medical Technician certification, and exhibits a deep love and respect for the ocean. During Nathan's first week in uniform, while towing a 45 foot commercial fishing vessel with our new, single-prop Patrol Boat #1, the vessel's captain asked, "Can you tow a boat this big?" Nathan pleasantly replied as he eased the boat into a slip, "You can step onto the dock now, sir."

Thomas O'Neil joined the Department as our newest Harbor Patrol Officer on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Thomas has an extensive maritime background, having previously worked as a boat captain for Island Packers, Explorer Dive Boat, So Cal Ship Services and Hooks Landing in Ventura. He has sailed competitively and taught sailing classes. Thomas enjoys surfing, body surfing, swimming, and paddle-boarding, as well as SCUBA and free diving. Clearly, another accomplished "waterman," Thomas looks forward to providing safety and security services to boaters, tenants and all waterfront users.

If they don't beat you to it, please say "hi" to Nathan and Thomas on the docks or on the water when you see them. They're great additions to an already great team.

#### **HARBOR WATCH MEETINGS—COME TO LISTEN, LEARN, AND PARTICIPATE**

Modeled after Neighborhood Watch programs established by communities as citizen-based "eyes and ears" efforts to spot and report crime, the Waterfront Department began a "Harbor Watch" program in the 1990s. Over time, the program has morphed into a general information exchange between harbor users and Harbor Patrol, followed by more practical, even hands-on, education and training.

Evening Harbor Watch meetings are generally held twice a year, in spring and fall, and are advertised in on marina gates. The meetings begin with Harbor Patrol reporting up-to-date crime statistics (illegal entries into marinas and restrooms), followed by a question-and-answer period.

Then comes the fun part—training. Meetings have included everything from CPR/First Aid training, to hands-on demonstrations on use of marina fire-box hoses and fire extinguishers, to guest speakers from the City’s Fire and Police departments. In May, 30 participants attended a Harbor Watch meeting that included a flare demonstration (hand-held flares and projectile-type parachute flares). It was a good way to teach the handling and use of flares, while ridding boaters of expired flares (which can also be turned into Harbor Patrol).

So mark your calendars. Harbor Watch meetings are held the last Tuesday before Memorial Day and the second Wednesday in November, including November 8<sup>th</sup>, which is right around the corner. This will be a great meeting where attendees will again learn how to use fire-suppression equipment on the dock—important training in case of a boat fire.

### **32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, boats will decorate to the theme of “Hollywood Holidays” during the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Parade of Lights. Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with Santa’s Village on the City Pier, where Santa Claus and his elves will treat kids to goody bags, a 10-ton snowfield, and a visit with the bearded one. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a five-minute fireworks show care of Garden State Fireworks, plus a lively awards party at the Maritime Museum. Slip permittees will receive sign-up forms in their November billing statements. Forms are also available now at the Waterfront Office, Harbor Market, and Fuel Dock. Best views of the Parade are from Stearns Wharf and the breakwater.

Prepared by: Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager