

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 16, 2017  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Harbor Operations Report**

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#### **BODY FOUND FLOATING OFF WEST BEACH**

On Tuesday morning, October 24<sup>th</sup>, a beachgoer spotted a man's body floating off West Beach. Harbor Patrol pulled the victim, a 78-year-old man who had been dead for some time, to shore. No foul play was suspected, and the Santa Barbara County Coroner's office determined the cause of death to be accidental drowning.

#### **HARBOR FESTIVAL RECAP**

Over 15,000 people celebrated this year's Harbor and Seafood Festival on October 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, fresh seafood, including crab, lobster, oysters, uni, paella, albacore, clam chowder, mussels, fish tacos and more, was the centerpiece of the celebration, which also included free boat rides, tall-ship tours (1,000+ visitors), five bands and over 40 arts and crafts vendors. Many vendors have already contacted the Department to reserve their spots for next year.

Volunteers, including commercial fishermen, students from Santa Barbara City College's Culinary Arts program and students from UCSB's Circle K International (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club) proved critical to the Festival's success.

Missed the Festival? Loved it? Heard about it from friends? Well, it's never too early to mark your calendar for next year's event on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

#### **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.

Awards will be given in five categories: power, sail, commercial fishing, commercial other, and human powered. Rich prize packages include \$100 for each first-place winner, plus a host of goodies for the top three in every category, ranging from hotel stays to spa

treatments, restaurant gift certificates, and more. Participation is free. Boater registration forms went out in November slip billings and are also available at the Waterfront Office, Harbor Market, and Fuel Dock. Best views of the Parade are from Stearns Wharf and the breakwater.

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