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To: Santa Barbara Harbor Operations Department

Re: Regarding Renewal of Paul Noury's 'Le Gran Bleu' Santa Barbara Yacht Charters Permit

I would like to encourage the Dept. to renew Paul's charter operation permit.

Paul has an exemplary record of doing business here in our harbor with many satisfied clients.

Paul is an outstanding boat operator. I have had the pleasure of being on the water with Paul as captain and always felt comfortable and safe.

Paul's outgoing and gracious demeanor with his clients is a great representation of Santa Barbara to the visiting clients he brings to the Harbor.

If I can presume that the boating accident which occurred at Stearn's Wharf is the reason for possibly not renewing his permit, let me just say that I think there needs to be a determination of gross negligence by Coast Guard authorities or revocation of his boat operators license by medical authority (consistent with general practice) before Harbor Dept. pulls his permit.

From what I understand, there was no action taken by Coast Guard against Paul. No ongoing litigation and if all damage to City Property incurred by the accident has been taken care of in a timely fashion, where are the grounds for not renewing the permit?

Please review this matter carefully before making your decision. I truly hope to see Paul's operation continue in our harbor.

Thanks for your consideration,

Michael Brundage

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