

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 15, 2018
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

WET WEDNESDAYS BEGIN MARCH 14TH

Following the Yacht Club's opening-day ceremonies on Sunday, March 4th, Wet Wednesday races began March 14th. A Yacht Club staple and harbinger of the upcoming boating season, Wet Wednesday races run through mid-October. The races are open to any boat entered by a member of a U.S. Sailing Association-recognized club. Locally, this means Santa Barbara Sailing Club and Santa Barbara Yacht Club boats, with occasional out-of-town visitors are invited to participate. Anyone can participate as crew aboard an eligible boat. Wet Wednesday courses vary with wind conditions and boat size, and vary in length from 2-8 miles. First start is at 5:10 p.m., followed by six other classes spaced five minutes apart. Following the races, the Yacht Club hosts an "after party" barbeque open to all racers and their guests. For more information, contact the Santa Barbara Yacht Club at (805) 965-8112 or visit their website at www.sbyc.org.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP MAY 5TH

The 12th annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 5th, from 8 am to noon. The event kicks off with coffee, donuts, and a briefing on the Travel Lift Pier (next to the Harbor Patrol Office). This year, we'll focus on Marina 2, after last's year's effort in Marina 3 brought the 11-year total of debris removed to 19.2 tons.

Typically, Clean Sweep draws 40-50 volunteer dock workers, aided by a dozen divers from harbor-area dive-service companies. It's a fun and productive "fishing trip" that, while removing seafloor litter, yields surprises ranging from barbeques and bow pulpits to deck chairs, satellite dishes, cell phones, and more. Volunteers enjoy a free lunch at 11:30 a.m. when the cleanup concludes.

Persons wishing to participate in this year's event can contact Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET MAY 12TH

Sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, the 9th

annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet will take place Saturday, May 12th in the Marina 3 parking lot. Come to buy, sell, peruse or just enjoy good company, coffee and donuts at this uniquely local event. Typical sale items include sailboat rigging, fishing gear, outboard motors, surfboards, paddleboards, kayaks and all manner of boat parts. Signups for vendor spaces (\$10 apiece) begin Monday, April 9th.

And while taking inventory of what you need to buy or sell, check your dock box too, since again this year the Waterfront Department will sponsor a Hazmat Turn-in event on May 12th, in conjunction with the Swap Meet. Next to the Swap Meet, you'll find a marked disposal area for hazardous materials you may want to get rid of before boating season hits high gear—items like waste oil, old cans of varnish, lacquer or paint, or small amounts of gasoline or diesel. The Hazmat Turn-in is funded in part through a CalRecycle used-oil grant. In an effort to limit the Hazmat event to harbor boat owners only, an “entry ticket” will be included in May’s slip billing. The ticket entitles slip permittee to dispose of any appropriate items from their boat or dock box. No ticket is necessary to participate in the Swap Meet.

Questions? Contact Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

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