

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 15, 2018  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Special Event Camping Permit – Wine and Roses Regatta**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That Harbor Commission:

- A. Review and consider a request for a special permit to allow event participant camping in the Harbor West parking lot from 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the 2018 Wine and Roses Regatta; and
- B. Approve Wine and Roses Event Chairman Tom Sinnickson's request for participant camping for the upcoming event, as allowed per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 15.16.090.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Wine and Roses Regatta (Regatta) is a California State Catamaran Championship, which has been held at Leadbetter Beach each August since 1994. It is hosted by the Southern California Hobie Cat fleets and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The event has been well attended over the years. At the end of each year's event, the beach and parking lot facilities have been left in good condition.

The boats and equipment on the beach tend to be expensive and could potentially be vulnerable to theft and vandalism. Mr. Tom Sinnickson, the event chairman, would like to again request a special camping permit so that participants may legally safeguard their equipment.

Although the Santa Barbara Municipal Code prohibits camping in public places, in Section 15.16.090 (Attachment 1), the Harbor Commission has been given the authority to post and designate an area for camping within the Waterfront jurisdiction. The Wine and Roses Regatta request is for the period from 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The event is expected to use 100 spaces of the Harbor West lot (Attachment 2). The fee for renting the parking lot will be \$1,200 per day (\$12 per space x 100 spaces).

Over the years, the popularity of the Waterfront area has increased tremendously and Waterfront parking lots routinely fill to capacity on busy summer weekends from May through October. As a result, Waterfront staff found that the timing of the event in August could no longer be sustained and future Wine and Roses Regattas would not be

allowed to take place between Memorial Day and Labor Day. At the request of Waterfront staff and as agreed to by the Harbor Commission at their May 18, 2017 meeting, the event has been moved annually from August to April.

The Regatta is an ocean dependent use, and Waterfront staff supports the use of Waterfront facilities and the special event camping permits for this event.

Attachments: 1. Santa Barbara Municipal Code, Section 15.16.090  
2. Site Map of Harbor West Parking Lot and Proposed Use Area

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## **Santa Barbara Municipal Code**

### Section 15.16 – Public Beaches and Parks

#### **15.16.090 Posted Areas - Lawful to Camp**

Notwithstanding Sections 15.16.060 - 15.16.100, whenever any or all of any public park or place has been so designated by the Park Commission or the Harbor Commission, within their respective jurisdictions, as a place to do that which is otherwise made unlawful by this Chapter, and signs are posted giving notice of such fact, it shall be lawful to camp or sleep in the place so designated and posted, or, as the case may be, to use any recreational vehicle or temporary recreational vehicle for human habitation or camping purposes in the place so designated and posted. (Ord. 4269, 1984; Ord. 4045, §1, 1980; Ord. 3165 §1(part), 1966; Ord. 3003 §1(part), 1964.)

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