

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 17, 2018
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

Safe-boating advocates and public agencies will join forces during National Safe Boating week, May 21st through May 28th, to remind boaters of how to recreate safely, beginning with, and continuing beyond, Memorial Day, the unofficial opening of boating season.

Topping the list of educational priorities this year is the “Wear It” campaign, emphasizing the importance of wearing a PFD (Personal Floatation Device or “life jacket”) that is correctly sized and geared toward the type of boating undertaken, not just whether seas are calm or rough. Think of it this way: life jackets are for when you’re boating, not just when you’re sinking. And remember: In California 70% of boating fatalities involve people not wearing life jackets. So, the message is simple: Wear it!

Inherently buoyant and inflatable life jacket styles are available in new ergonomic designs, giving boaters the right gear to stay safe, comfortable, and cool. For more information on life jackets, visit the California Division of Boating and Waterways website at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28751.

The Waterfront Department recognizes Safe Boating Week by placing informational flyers around the harbor and via its semi-annual Harbor Watch Program, the spring meeting of which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Marine Center Classroom. Harbor Patrol Officer Rick Hubbard, who oversees the Harbor Watch Program, will discuss this valuable local program at the Commission’s May 17th meeting. Among other details, he’ll explain how life jackets recently saved lives off our coast.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP—THE RESULTS ARE IN

A record 60 volunteers, including a dozen divers and over 45 dock workers, removed two tons of seafloor junk from beneath Marina 2 on May 5th, bringing the program’s 12-year total to 21.2 tons. This year’s haul equals the two tons removed from seafloor beneath Marina 2 the last time the area was “cleaned” in 2008. Items removed this year included two dozen shellfish receivers, an oven, trash cans, hand tools, buoys, a bicycle, a refrigerator, beach chairs, a sail bag, a tire, two toilets, a marine battery and a 500-pound iron keel (the latter lifted with a winch on Patrol Boat #3)

Staff wishes to thank this year’s stalwart volunteers, including Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Santa Barbara Surfrider Foundation, the Maritime Museum, NOAA, Salty

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Dog Dive Service, Scrub-A-Dub Dive Service, Monterey Diving, UCSB, local citizens, and Harbor Commissioners Stedman, Sloan, and Cramer. Next May, we'll tackle the Sea Urchin dock and Cabrillo Landing, plus Fish Float north, adjacent to the City Pier.

Attachment: Harbor Watch Program flyer for meeting on May 22, 2018

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HARBOR WATCH MEETING

May 22, 2018

Waterfront Classroom

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

- Harbor Patrol Officer Rick Hubbard will discuss law enforcement statistics in the marinas.
- **National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26, 2017**
We will review boating safety tips before the flare demonstration.
- **Flare Demonstration:** Have you ever wanted to launch a flare but were not in distress? Well, here is your chance! We will review the various types of flares and discuss their advantages and limitations. You will have the opportunity to launch flares from the beach. So bring your expired flares and get some valuable training.

For more information contact the Harbor Patrol at 564-5530.