

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 21, 2019  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** Harbor Operations Report

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#### WET WEDNESDAYS BEGIN

Following the Yacht Club's opening-day ceremonies on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wet Wednesday races began March 13<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 16<sup>th</sup>. A Yacht Club staple and harbinger of the upcoming boating season, Wet Wednesday 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. 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](http://www.sbyc.org).

#### OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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). After last's year's effort in Marina 2 brought the 12-year total of debris removed to 21.2 tons, this year we'll focus on the sea-urchin dock, Fish Float North and City Pier,

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](mailto:MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).

#### HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Sponsored by the Waterfront Department and Harbor Merchants Association, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet will take place Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 dispose 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](mailto:MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).

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