



City of Santa Barbara
Waterfront Department

Memorandum

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TO: Harbor Commission
FROM: Karl Treiberg, Acting Waterfront Director
Subject: **Harbor Operations Report**

HARBOR AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL RECAP

On Saturday, October 12th, thousands of locals and tourists alike attended the 18th annual Harbor and Seafood Festival. Fishermen delivered fresh crab, lobster, sea urchin (uni), and shrimp to waiting customers at the City Pier. Approximately 670 lbs. of albacore, 600 lbs. of crab and 600 lbs. of lobster were served to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional food vendors served clam chowder, sea food paella, oysters, and fish tacos. The event pays tribute to the importance of Santa Barbara's commercial fishing fleet, whose annual economic benefit approaches 30 million dollars over a 5-year average.

The festival included free boat rides aboard the *Azure Seas* and *Double Dolphin* (thanks to Captains Fred Hershman and Skip Abed, respectively), carrying a total of nearly 700 passengers on boat tours of the harbor. Meanwhile, dockside tours of a harbor patrol boat, USCG Cutter *Blackfin*, NOAA's research vessel *Shearwater*, and the tall ship *Spirit of Dana Point*, entertained hundreds more.

Over 40 volunteers helped make the event run smooth, especially amid the hectic buzz of boiling or barbequing, then plating, over 1800 lbs. of crab, lobster and albacore. The volunteers included fishermen who labored over the barbeque and boiling lobster pots. Santa Barbara's Community College and San Marcos High School's culinary programs provided experienced volunteers, as well as Education First International School, and UCSB's Circle K service organization.

City staff offers its sincere gratitude to all those who have made, and continue to make, this event an annual highlight that displays all the great experiences our harbor offers.

33rd ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS DECEMBER 8th

On Sunday December 8th, boat owners will decorate their vessels to the theme of "Deep Space Holidays" for the 33rd annual Parade of Lights. Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with Santa's Village on the City Pier, where Santa and his elves will treat children to goody bags, and a 10-ton snowfield. The boat parade begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a 5 minute fireworks display care of Garden State Fireworks, plus an awards party at the Santa

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Barbara Maritime Museum. Slip permittees received a sign-up form in their November billing statements. These forms are also available at the Waterfront Office, Harbor Market and Fuel Dock, and of course online at: www.santabarabara.gov/waterfront. Sign up now, and join the festivities. Best views of the Parade are from Stearns Wharf and the breakwater.

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