

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 18, 2021  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Harbor Operations Report**

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### MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, beginning on January 1, 2021, recreational powerboat operators who are age 40 years and younger are required to carry a California Boater Card. The California Boater Card requirement will be phased in over the next several years based on operator age. By January 2025, everyone operating a recreational vessel will be required to carry a California Boater Card while operating a mechanically driven vessel. The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully passed a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boater safety education examination.

NASBLA approved boating education and safety courses are available online at [www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com](http://www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com). See below for the scheduled implementation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Operator Age</u>
January 1, 2018	Persons 20 years of age or younger
January 1, 2019	Persons 25 years of age or younger
January 1, 2020	Persons 35 years of age or younger
January 1, 2021	Persons 40 years of age or younger
January 1, 2022	Persons 45 years of age or younger
January 1, 2023	Persons 50 years of age or younger
January 1, 2024	Persons 60 years of age or younger
January 1, 2025	All persons regardless of age

### HARBOR PATROL RESCUES MISSING WOMAN

On January 25, 2021, at approximately 4:45 PM, while on motor patrol Harbor Patrol Officers Ryan Kelly and Eli Brower observed from Stearns Wharf, a fully clothed subject walking out to sea east of Stearns Wharf. Officers Kelly and Brower notified the Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD), requested an ambulance to stage nearby, and attempted to contact the female subject, now lying down in the surf in about waist deep water (air 41°/water 56°). The woman would not respond to the officers, and when she submerged in the water and did not resurface, Officers Kelly and Brower entered the water and pulled her up onto the beach. They loaded her onto the back of the Harbor Patrol truck and transported her to the awaiting AMR ambulance staged on the bike path. SBPD was on scene and identified the subject as a reported "Missing/At Risk" subject

they had been trying to locate all day. AMR transported the subject to Cottage Hospital where she received necessary care.

Please join us in commending officers Kelly and Brower in their quick thinking and rapid response.

### **1960's ERA MILITARY VESSEL AGROUND ON EAST BEACH DURING POWERFUL WINTER STORM**

On January 27, 2021, Harbor Patrol Officers responded on Patrol Boat 2 to the Year Round Anchorage on a report of a vessel adrift. They found the vessel "Mike" (a 1960's era military vessel with a steel hull) aground in the surf approximately 50 yards west of the Bath House. The owner was notified, and responded by making arrangements to have the vessel pulled off the beach. After successfully salvaging his vessel from the beach, the owner voluntarily surrendered his vessel to the City via the State funded Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) program. The vessel was removed from the anchorage and disposed of using SAVE grant funds provided by the State of California.

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