

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

WET WEDNESDAYS BEGIN

Following the Yacht Club's opening-day ceremonies on Sunday, March 7th, Wet Wednesday races began March 17th and will run through October 14th. Yacht Club 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 4:45 p.m., followed by six other classes spaced five minutes apart. Currently, the Yacht Club will not be hosting post-race barbeque parties until COVID restrictions have eased and participants and guests can gather safely for these types of events. For more information, contact the Santa Barbara Yacht Club at (805) 965-8112 or visit their website at www.sbyc.org.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP ON MAY 15TH

The 13th annual Operation Clean Sweep, a volunteer seafloor cleanup program, will take place Saturday, May 15th, from 8 am to noon. The event kicks off with a "Social Distancing" dive briefing on the Travel Lift Pier (next to the Harbor Patrol Office). Pre COVID brought the 12-year total of debris removed to 21.2 tons, this year we'll focus on the California Sea Urchin Dock (formerly known as the CUDA Dock), Fish Float North and the City Pier.

Typically, Clean Sweep draws 40-50 volunteer dock workers, aided by a dozen divers from harbor-area dive-service companies. Due to COVID restrictions, we anticipate a smaller volunteer group this year, and will adhere to all COVID safety protocols allowing for a safe, fun, and productive event that supports our Clean Marina goals. 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 Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or eengebretson@santabarbaraca.gov.

HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET CANCELLED

In response to the current safety guidelines set by the CDC, Harbor Nautical Swap Meet

has been cancelled. Staff remains optimistic to the return of the Harbor Nautical Swap Meet in 2022.

As in years past, the Waterfront Department encourages boaters to check your dock box and identify hazardous materials you may want to dispose of before the boating season begins. Please check the link below to locate facilities for your disposal needs, and remember, all of the disposal and recycling facilities listed below are free to residents unless otherwise indicated.

Link: <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/services/recycling/specialwaste/hazardous.asp>

Questions? Contact Erik Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager, at (805) 897-2587 or eengebretson@santabarbaraca.gov.

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