

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 17, 2021
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Harbor Operations Report**

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP RECAP

On May 16th, Operation Clean Sweep, the Department's seafloor cleanup program, attracted 40 volunteer divers and dock workers who removed 2.0 tons of debris from the seafloor, bringing its 13-year total to 22 tons. Items removed included crab receivers, a fish cleaning station, urchin baskets, carpet, long sections of galvanized pipe, cell phones, electrical wire, steel cable, fishing poles, trash cans, dock carts, dock steps, tires, a battery, one fiberglass skiff, a refrigerator, and (of course) a kitchen sink.

Added to this year's event was a neighborhood cleanup co-event. Slip Permittees were able to drop off large bulky trash items and e-waste, for free, at two locations in the Harbor. And, since the beach is part of our harbor neighborhood, there was also a beach cleanup of West Beach.

Staff wishes to thank Salty Dog Dive Services, NOAA, Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper, Maritime Museum, Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron, Harbor Commissioners Sloan and Cramer, Waterfront facilities staff, and all other individual participants from throughout the community.

Next year we'll move to Marina 1, continuing this seafloor litter-removal project.

MAY'S HARBOR WATCH MEETING RECAP

Modeled after Neighborhood Watch programs established by communities as citizen-based "eyes and ears" efforts to spot and report crime, the Waterfront Department began a "Harbor Watch" program in the 1990s. Over time, the program has morphed into a general information exchange between harbor users and Harbor Patrol, followed by more practical hands-on education and training.

In May, some 30 participants attended a Harbor Watch meeting that included a flare demonstration (hand held and projectile-type parachute flares). It was a good way to teach the handling and use of flares in a controlled environment, while ridding boaters of expired flares that have turned-in to Harbor Patrol.

Special thanks to Harbor Patrol Officer Rick Hubbard who organizes the biannual event, and Chris Bell who took areal footage of the flare demonstrations and practice exercise.

SANTA BARBARA TO KING HARBOR RACE

The 2021 Santa Barbara to King Harbor (Redondo Beach) Race is a distance race spanning 81 nautical miles and has been a tradition for Santa Barbara and King Harbor for 48 years.

This year's event will take place on July 30 with a start scheduled at noon. The Santa Barbara Yacht club expects higher than normal entries this year, due, in part, to having a year off due to COVID-19. A good year's participation during a Transpac year is typically 80 entries, but the Yacht Club expects to surpass 90 entrants this year.

HARBOR PATROL BLOTTER

May 24th 1300 hours: Harbor Patrol officers responded to the Shellfish Company on Stearns Wharf on a report of a smoking "appliance". Found there was a small grease fire that was extinguished by restaurant staff.

May 25th 1715 hours: Harbor Patrol officers responded to an accident involving a vehicle and a bicycle at Loma Alta and Shoreline Drive. The individuals were checked for injuries and interviews were conducted for an accident report.

May 25th 1440 hours: Observant Harbor Patrol officers saw an individual, known to be wanted for assault, sitting on a bench near the Breakwater Restaurant. SBHP notified SBPD and the person was taken into custody without incident.

May 28th 0210 hours: Harbor Patrol officer notices a large group in the intersection of State and Cabrillo in a confrontation of some kind. Determined an intoxicated individual was challenging the group to fight. De-escalated and removed the person from the situation. The person was arrested for drunk in public.

May 31st 0130 hours: Harbor Patrol officer responded to State and Cabrillo to assist SBPD looking for a person with a gun, last seen heading south down State Street. The subject did not pass State at Cabrillo.

June 2nd at midnight: S/V arrived at harbor with a 70-year-old hypothermic patient who had fallen overboard near Point Conception. The patient was checked over by AMR paramedics and opted out of hospital transport.

June 2nd 0530 hours: Dark colored vehicle with AZ plates drove on the breakwater sidewalk to the first flag pole. The driver said he was not familiar with the area and had wanted to take few pictures. Harbor Patrol officer warned the driver and assisted him backing off the sidewalk.

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June 2nd 2200 hours: Observant Parking staff noticed a vehicle stopped in the roadway, as if it had backed out of a stall and simply stopped. The vehicle was then driven to the Yacht Club's parking lot gate and again stopped. Harbor Patrol officers responded and contacted the intoxicated driver and notified SBPD. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

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