

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 16, 2018
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: Harbor Operations Report

RECAP: KING HARBOR RACE

Marking the harbor's largest regatta of the year, 94 sailboats departed Santa Barbara on July 27th, kicking off the 46th annual King Harbor Race, an 81-mile mile course that terminates at King Harbor in Redondo. Since 2018 is an "off year" for the biennial Transpacific Yacht Race, this year's participation exceeded last year's by over 25%.

Eighty-eight boats completed the race, compared to only 56 last year. Despite light winds, the race had its own drama. When a "hole" of calm winds developed south of Anacapa Island, racers had to search for breeze. Some went inshore, others went offshore, creating a tactical challenge and plenty of excitement for competitors.

The first boat to arrive at King Harbor came in just before 11 p.m. on race day. The final boat made it there just before noon the following day. The overall winner was *Medicine Man*, a 63' monohull from the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Locals who "placed" in various categories included:

- Bernard Girod, *Rock & Roll*, 4th overall and 2nd, Ultra-Light Displacement Boat (ULDB) "D" class
- Laura Schlessinger, *Warrior*, 5th overall and 3rd, ULDB "B" class
- Kenny Kieding and John Vincent, *Argo 3*, 3rd, ULDB "D" class
- Stephen Lemon, *EOS*, 2nd, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) "B" class
- Vance Newell, *Epic*, 3rd, PHRF "D" class
- Rick Yabsley, *Captain Sluggo*, 2nd, ULDB "E" class

The Department congratulates all participants in this year's King Harbor Race, and looks forward to serving as "host harbor" again next year.

HARBOR PATROL RECOGNIZED FOR RESCUES DURING 2017 MICROBURST

On September 3, 2017, only minutes after a microburst storm cell raked the Waterfront with blinding rain and 80-mile-per hour winds, harbor patrol officers Karl Halamicek and Nathan Alldredge rescued 16 souls, many thrown from paddleboards, kayaks, and sinking sailboats. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), California Region, has honored Officers Halamicek and Alldredge with a prestigious

award for their lifesaving efforts during the microburst event. Tonight, Chair Bill Spicer will read a proclamation from NASBLA recognizing their achievements.

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