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Santa Barbara City Photo: Ice House

Fall Dredging Ready to Go

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Contrary to last fall, when the Army Corps of Engineers and their dredge contractor, AIS Construction, couldn't negotiate a contract and missed a dredge cycle, differences have been ironed out and dredging is scheduled to begin around Thanksgiving.

The dredge yard has been reconstructed and a discharge pipe is in place. A seasoned contractor, AIS also had the foresight to purchase spare electronic modules, key components required to help keep the dredge up and running.

It should be business as usual this cycle with a typical amount of sand in the channel that needs to be removed. Hurricane Marie in August generated winter-sized surf and pushed

material off the sandspit into the channel. Most of this material landed right in front of where the dredge currently moors, which should make for a fast and productive cycle, likely to conclude by Christmas.

Removing sand from the channel in the fall is essential to create a deep channel where additional material can be deposited during winter storms without significantly reducing channel width or depth. Boaters should exercise caution passing the dredge. During the day, diamond-over-diamond will mark the safe passage side. At night, green light-over-green light will mark the safe side. Contact the dredge on VHF 16 if you have concerns about safe passage around its operation.

New Docks for Marina One

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Slipholders on "J" and "K" fingers will be lucky recipients of new docks this year. After a year off to design the final four phases of the Marina One Replacement Project, Bellingham Marine Industries (BMI), is scheduled to begin Phase 5 construction in January.

First, "K" finger will be replaced, with existing docks demolished the first week in January. New docks show up the following week and should take about five weeks to install. After that, the same cycle begins for "J" finger. All work should conclude by April. Similar to the last four phases, all installations include new docks, utilities, dock boxes, and power centers.



Santa Barbara City Photo: Marina One Construction

Note: Current electrical code requires a transformer on each new dock. The transformers are housed in small electrical cabinets to maintain as much room on the dock as possible. They are also placed on dampeners to minimize the humming noise they can make.

Many marina reconstruction projects require slipholders to relocate to different harbors. During the preceding four phases, however, we've been fortunate to locate alternative berthing in the harbor for slipholders displaced by dock construction. That said, since "J" and "K" fingers are two of the largest in Marina One, accommodating all displaced vessels will be a challenge. Staff will contact slipholders soon, informing them of their temporary slip assignments during construction. It is the responsibility of boat owners to move their vessels to assigned slips prior to construction.

Meanwhile, if you have questions please contact Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager, at 564-5527.

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City of Santa Barbara
Waterfront Department

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Harbor Patrol: 564-5530
Maintenance: 564-5522
Parking Services: 564-5523
Office Fax: 560-7580

(805) local area code

Department Hires New Administrative Analyst

After nearly 18 years working at the Waterfront Department, Brian Slagle retired in mid-August. We wish Brian all the best in this new phase of his life.

On August 4th, Dominique Samario joined the Department as Administrative Analyst. She previously spent over five years producing and hosting a variety of programs for our own City TV and has also worked for County Television, TV Santa Barbara and United Way of Santa Barbara County. She has extensive experience in nonprofit administration and communication, and recently earned her Professional Marketing Certificate at UCSB.

Dominique's duties at the Waterfront Department include analytical research, report writing, event coordination, technical support to management staff, and public outreach liaison to organizations such as the merchants' associations, Visit Santa Barbara, Downtown Santa Barbara, Chamber of Commerce and Navy League. Dominique will also coordinate cruise ship visits, research grant opportunities, assist development of the Department's budget, interface with print, radio, and television media and serve as the Department's Public Information Officer.



HARBOR AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL RECAP

For the third straight year, nearly 14,000 people attended the Harbor and Seafood Festival, held on Saturday, October 11th. The public got its fill of seafood — lobster, crab, sea urchin "uni," oysters, mussels, barbecued albacore, fish-and-chips, clam chowder, paella, fish tacos and more — at this 13th annual event. Arts-and-crafts vendors reported brisk sales throughout the day and many said they would love to return next year.

As always, the heart of the festival remained its volunteers, starting with fishermen who not only tended to a searing barbeque and 14 pots of boiling crab and lobster, to trappers who donated some 1,200 pounds of crab to the Festival. The rest of the volunteer corps, from high school students to students in SBCC's Culinary Arts Program, NOAA, the Maritime Museum, city staff, local yacht brokerages and the general public, did a bang-up job, again proving indispensable to the event.

Meanwhile, festival-goers packed the *Double Dolphin* and *Azure Seas* for free boat rides, thanks to the generosity of Santa Barbara Sailing Center and Celebration Cruises, respectively. Bands rocked and rolled on two stages all day.

Transportation was for the most part smooth, as the Department was able to use the Carriage Museum Parking Lot this year. In addition, Bici Centro and the Bicycle Coalition provided 150 bike stations to help support alternative transportation to the Festival. That said, staff is still looking to increase event parking and streamline directional signage for this event. Coordination with other agencies and institutions, including SBCC and non-profits holding events in the same area on the same day, remains crucial to this effort.

New Harbor Patrol Officer Jessica Gray

Jessica Gray, our newest Harbor Patrol Officer, began work on October 4th, replacing Ed Stetson, who retired after a remarkable 29-year run with the Department.

A UCSB graduate, Jessica brings a broad range of training and experience to the position, including over two years as Harbor Patrol crew. Her interests include adventure sports and martial arts. Please join the Department in welcoming Jessica to her new position. If you see her on the docks, feel free to introduce yourself to our newest Officer.



Winterize Your Boat

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Santa Barbara winters are typically mild but it doesn't take much wind or rain to cause major problems, including damaging or sinking an unattended boat. Here are some reminders:

- **Early warning:** Monitor weather reports. Visit your boat before the next storm. If you can't check your boat, find a responsible person who can.
- **Dock lines:** Visually inspect for chafe, wear and trip hazards (please don't run mooring lines across fingers). Tie lines securely to cleats or pilings; consider chafing gear and doubling-up lines. Replace worn lines.
- **Dock obstructions:** Don't store kayaks or other items on the dock.
- **Bilge check:** Test your bilge pump to ensure that 1) it's working; 2) float switches properly activate the pumps; and 3) float switches aren't hindered by debris. Be sure limber holes aren't blocked.
- **Fenders:** Have an adequate number of appropriate-sized fenders.
- **Sails, roller furlings, rigging, tarps, loose gear on deck:** Store or tightly secure.
- **Hatches, ports, and windows:** Close and secure. Make sure they're water-tight.
- **Appliances:** Make sure appliances like space heaters are not left unattended.
- **Dock boxes:** Do not store flammables in dock boxes. In case of electrical short at the power pedestal, fire or explosion could result.
- **Consider:** Removing valuables and electronics, installing a dehumidifier or moisture absorber, propping up cushions and opening the boat during periods of fair weather to circulate air.
- **Contacts:** Update emergency contact phone numbers and email address with the Waterfront Department.

For assistance or to report problems contact Harbor Patrol at 564-5530 or on VHF channels 12 or 16. Here's to a safe winter, in the slip or on the ocean.

Back-to-Back Harbor Patrol Rescues

September 24th

During the evening hours of September 24th, Officers Erik Engebretson and Larry Nufer heard a MAYDAY call from the 45' M/V *Mesmerize* that had departed Santa Barbara Harbor about an hour earlier. The vessel's operator reported he was sinking with six passengers aboard at a location approximately halfway between Santa Barbara and Ventura Harbor.

Officers evaluated the situation, determined six lives were in imminent danger and responded aboard Patrol Boat #2 (the fastest boat in our fleet). While in route, the M/V *Mesmerize* reported that bilge pumps were not working, they were having difficulty getting their life raft in the water and were taking water over the transom. Both Officers thought the vessel would sink before their arrival and hoped the six passengers would be found safe before sunset.

After a 20+ minute run, Officers arrived to find the M/V *Mesmerize* still afloat with several through-hulls discharging water from its bilges. The passengers were laying about the deck sea-sick and in obvious distress. Officer Erik Engebretson transferred Officer Larry Nufer from PB#2 to the M/V *Mesmerize*. Officer Nufer assured the passengers they would all be okay and began inspecting the engine compartment and bilges. He found an engine intake hose had failed and an intake pump was pumping seawater into the bilges. Officer Nufer secured the engine through-hull, stopping the leak. The bilge pumps removed the remaining water. A US Coast Guard SAFE boat and a Ventura Harbor Patrol boat then arrived on scene. USCG placed a crew member aboard the M/V *Mesmerize* to assist its operator back to Ventura Harbor while the vessel ran on its remaining operable engine.

October 25, 2014

During the evening hours of October 25th, Officers Karl Halamiczek and Larry Nufer responded to a report from USCG of a 26' motor vessel sinking nine miles southwest of Santa Barbara Harbor with two passengers aboard. Officers quickly got underway on Patrol Boat #2 (PB#2) and entered into a GPS the last known coordinates of the sinking vessel.

While underway, the vessel sank and its two passengers abandoned ship into a small life raft. Darkness and three-to-five-foot seas made locating the low-freeboard raft difficult, either visually or by radar, so Officers used an Automatic Radio Direction Finder to pinpoint the location of the victims. Nufer and Halamiczek took the victims aboard PB#2 and found them cold, but otherwise uninjured. A USCG helicopter that responded from Los Angeles then flew overhead. Also, the 250' oilfield supply boat *Adele Elise* responded. Harbor Patrol transported the victims safely back to Santa Barbara Harbor.



Houseboats in Seattle Harbor

“Boatel” Operators Risk Slip Permit Termination

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

The Waterfront Department is aware that several boats and slips in the harbor are being sublet or leased for “boatel”-type activities, charging by the day, week or month for vacation rental visits. This troubling, illegal activity has been discussed at four Harbor Commission meetings and in the Fall 2013 issue of *DockLines*.

Yet the practice persists.

I’m writing to again remind boaters that slips are municipal property, rented on a month-to-month basis to permittees for the purpose of boating. They are essentially parking spaces in the water and are not to be rented, sublet, loaned or otherwise used for any other purpose unless expressly allowed by a Waterfront Department lease or Business Activity Permit.

Moreover, any such activity is illegal per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Sections 17.18.010 and 17.20.005 A, plus #17 of Marina Rules and Regulations included with every slip permit. Any slip permittee or any boat owner associated with a slip permittee who engages in this activity will subject the slip permittee to slip permit termination, per SBMC 17.20.005 (I). If you need a copy of these SBMC Sections, please stop by the Waterfront Office and we will supply them.

In summary, I cannot overemphasize the importance of avoiding the practice of subletting slips and vessels for illegal liveaboard or vacation use. The Department will continue to vigilantly monitor this issue and pursue slip-permit termination when appropriate. Thank you for your partnership in dissuading “boatel” activity in a harbor whose primary purposes, per the Local Coastal Plan and Harbor Master Plan, are to accommodate commercial fishing and recreational boating.

New Lease Available!

HARBOR SPACE FOR LEASE

Patrick Henry, Property Management Specialist

The Department is currently advertising space for lease at 117-G Harbor Way, the former location of Transpac Marine. The leasable area consists of approximately 500 square feet of first-floor space on the south side of the building, accommodating a generous amount of daily foot and vehicle traffic.

The Department recently initiated a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for interested parties. In selecting a new tenant for the space, priority will be given to ocean-dependent and ocean-related uses per Municipal Code Section 28.70.030 and the Harbor Master Plan. Visitor-serving uses (general retail, restaurants, etc) will be considered a lower priority.

The RFP and all associated documents are listed on the Department’s website at: www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/waterfront/. The Department will also list the RFP in various local and regional publications. If you are interested, please contact Patrick Henry, Property Management Specialist, at 897-1961 for more details.



Santa Barbara City Photo: 117-G Harbor Way

City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department
132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Free Oil-Absorbent Bilge Pads

Help prevent bilge-oil leaks, discharges, and spills in the harbor. Stop by the Harbormaster's Office and pick up your **free** oil-absorbent bilge pads funded by a grant from CalRecycle.

Got Used Oil?

Find a certified Used Oil Recycling Center* near you. A list of Recycling Center locations is also available at the Harbormaster's Office.

* For a complete list of certified used-oil collection centers, hours of operation, and types of materials collected, visit <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/>

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To:



2015 Waterfront Parking Permits on Sale December 1st

Cesar Barrios, Waterfront Parking Supervisor

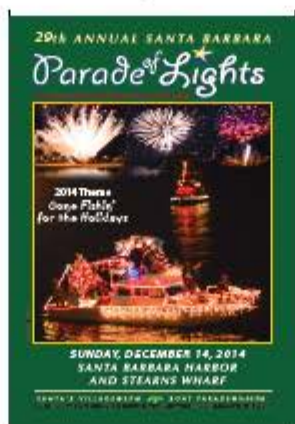


Annual Waterfront parking permits go on sale December 1st. General permits cost \$95 and slip-permittee permits (one per slip) cost \$70. Permits are valid from date of purchase through December 31, 2015. The Waterfront Department encourages residents and slip permittees to buy 2015 permits early for a full year of economical parking. General permits are available at the Harbormaster's Office and at all Waterfront parking kiosks, except Stearns Wharf. Slip-permittee permits must be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office.

For more information, please call the Waterfront Parking Office at 897-1965.

PARADE OF LIGHTS DECEMBER 14TH

On Sunday, December 14th, boats will decorate to the theme of "Gone Fishin' for the Holidays" during the 29th Annual Parade of Lights. Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. with Santa's Village on the City Pier, where Santa Claus and his elves will treat kids to goody bags, a 10-ton snowfield and a visit with the bearded one. The boat parade begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a five-minute fireworks show provided by Bay Fireworks and a lively awards party at the Maritime Museum. Slip permittees received sign-up forms in their November billing statements. Forms are also available at the Waterfront Office, Harbor Market, and Fuel Dock. For the visiting public, Stearns Wharf and the breakwater offer best views of the parade.



2015 Event Schedule

Dec. 14, 2014	Parade of Lights
May 2	Operation Clean Sweep
May 9	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July
October 17	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 6	Parade of Lights

Visit www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov for more details

2015 Regular Meeting Schedule of the Santa Barbara Harbor Commission

January 22	July 16
February 19	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

Harbor Commission regularly meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers