



Catamaran Fire Investigation

City Fire Investigators are seeking the public's help on assisting with any information regarding the catamaran fire, which occurred on Tuesday, January 27 at about 9 to 9:30 p.m. Since the fire occurred near the bike path area and the Marina 2 public restrooms, investigators are hoping someone had seen some activity or something that could help with the investigation.

At 9:30 p.m. on January 27, Santa Barbara City Fire and Harbor Patrol responded to a fully involved 34-foot catamaran fire at Marina 2. A Harbor Patrol Officer manned and responded to the fire on Boat 3. A second Harbor Patrol Officer stood by the dock waiting for Engine 6 personnel to board the second patrol boat, in this case Boat 2. This is a standard procedure to any boat fire in the harbor. Additionally, Engines 1,2 and 5, Truck 1 and a Battalion Chief responded.

Fortunately, the catamaran was end tied (at the end of Marina 2), so there were no other boats or exposures around the vessel. Boat fires have the potential to spread to other boats very quickly as most are made with fiberglass and wood products. Engine 6's crew used a hand-line off Harbor Patrol Boat 2 to extinguish the fire. The main center hull was fully involved with fire, yet the outer pontoons kept the catamaran afloat. There were no injuries or occupants on the catamaran. Investigators have yet to determine the cause.

If you have any information to share, please contact the Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau at 564-5702 or Fire Investigator Ryan DiGulio at 564-5723.



