



# City Harbormaster Report December 2019 Activities

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Presentation to Harbor Commission

January 8, 2020

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Harbor Department – City of Newport Beach

# Support to Annual Christmas Boat Parade

- Harbor activity was heavy throughout the 111th Newport Beach Christmas Parade festivities (December 18 – 22).
- Pre-parade route inspection was conducted by Harbor Department and Lifeguard staff with parade organizers.
- Removal of select swim lines to avoid spectators fouling props during parade nights.



*Harbor Department team photo  
after prepping patrol boat for  
Christmas Parade duties.*



# Support to Annual Christmas Boat Parade

- Additional staff resources were scheduled throughout the program, both on the land-side at Marina Park and with on-water patrols.
- Marina Park guest slips were at capacity throughout the parade week, and an additional 16 parade related bookings were accommodated on off-shore moorings.
- Use of Marina Park facilities for Grand Marshal vessel during first night of parade, and parade's lead vessel throughout the five evening event.



***"Burning Daylight", which served as the parade's lead vessel, berthed at Marina Park's long dock throughout the five night program.***



# Support to Annual Christmas Boat Parade

- Harbor Department expanded its participation in this year's program – with a patrol boat and crew serving as parade marshals.
- Harbor Dept. staff hosted a kid's craft experience (where children decorated harbor related holiday ornaments) as part of the parade's kick-off event held at Marina Park
- An after-action report has been developed documenting 2019 experiences and recommendations for 2020.



*Harbor Department Lead, Chris Whiteside, serving as parade marshal, supporting the program and showcasing the department's new equipment.*

*Harbor Dept. Staffer, Natalya Lytwynec, helping local kids make harbor themed ornaments at the Christmas Parade's kick off event at Marina Park.*



# Award Notice – 2019/20 SAVE Grant

- On December 20, the Harbor Department received notice that it had been selected to receive a \$175,000 grant from the CA Division of Boating and Waterways, to aid in removal of derelict boats from the harbor.
- Once the grant is fully executed, following official acceptance by City Council, funds will be available to reimburse the City for removal and disposal of both abandoned and surrendered vessels.
- The award represents the full amount requested by the City and a 40% funding increase over our prior award.



*Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP)  
applications will be accepted as  
part of the City's grant award.*





# Harbor Department Rain Storm Response

- A powerful storm came through Newport Harbor on December 26
- In the two days following those rains, Harbor Department staff assisted vessel owners, dewatering 45 boats, recovering several vessels found adrift in the harbor, and contacting mooring permittees about vessels that appeared to need attention following the rains (vessel listing, riding low, etc.).



*Harbor Department staffer, Jackson Halphide, recovers two dinghies found adrift following late December rain storm.*





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