LESSONS LEARNED

Mailers to Boaters Through Santa Barbara Channel Harbors & Marinas

In response to the Santa Barbara Channel (SBC) Compliance Forum held in 2020, community members requested to reach the boat owner community through the existing boater mailing system, specifically those with a slip in the Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Channel Islands harbors. During the grant period, the SBC Collaborative took away some lessons learned:

- Dedicated outreach by a local liaison/project manager and early outreach to harbors and marinas is essential
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) review with ample time is necessary
- Existing relationships with Harbor/Waterfront Departments/Offices can expedite projects
- The general digitization of documentation, information sharing, and billing and the COVID-19 pandemic has shifted our way of doing business in many unforeseen ways, in general away from distribution of printed materials. Online newsletters are another way to reach the boating community

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Know your local marine protected areas (MPAs)! California's Marine Protected Areas SANTA BARBARA AND VENTURA AREA DETAIL May not intended for navigational purposes. May not intended for navigational



SBC boater flyer (~3,000 printed) for outreach events; nearly identical CDFW-approved maps and messaging and images were put in the fall 2022 edition of Docklines to 578 subscribers



