



Abandoned Boat Removal & Response

A MULTI AGENCY RESPONSE

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Local Team

- City of Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol
- Coast Guard
- Red Cross
- Santa Barbara County
 - Sheriff
 - County Executive Office
 - Parks
 - Resource, Recovery, and Waste Management
 - Social Services
 - Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health

HISTORY OF PROBLEM STATE WIDE

- Outdated vessels
 - Reached end of useful lives
- State Wide problem
 - From inland deltas
 - To our open waters



- Most problematic in harbors or coves

HISTORY OF PROBLEM LOCALLY

- Navigational hazards
- Environmental hazards
 - Chemical waste
 - Biological waste
 - Debris
- Unique live aboard community
 - Low income housing



Local Agency Responses & Regulations

➤ City of San Diego

- Increased regulations in harbors

➤ City of Santa Barbara

• Fools Anchorage

- Local ordinance
 - Converting to paid moorings
 - Minimum seaworthiness standards
- Regulating free anchoring
 - Pier/Boater safety



➤ County Area Coastal Access

- Availability to anchor off shore

County Response

- Human Needs
 - Emergency responses
 - Social Services referral packets
 - 211 information



County Response

➤ Environmental Needs

- Beached Vessel
 - 6 in the last 12 months
 - Removal Protocol
 - Coast Guard (Hazard Mitigation)
- Proactive abandoned vessel removals
 - Grant funded



Beached Vessel Removal

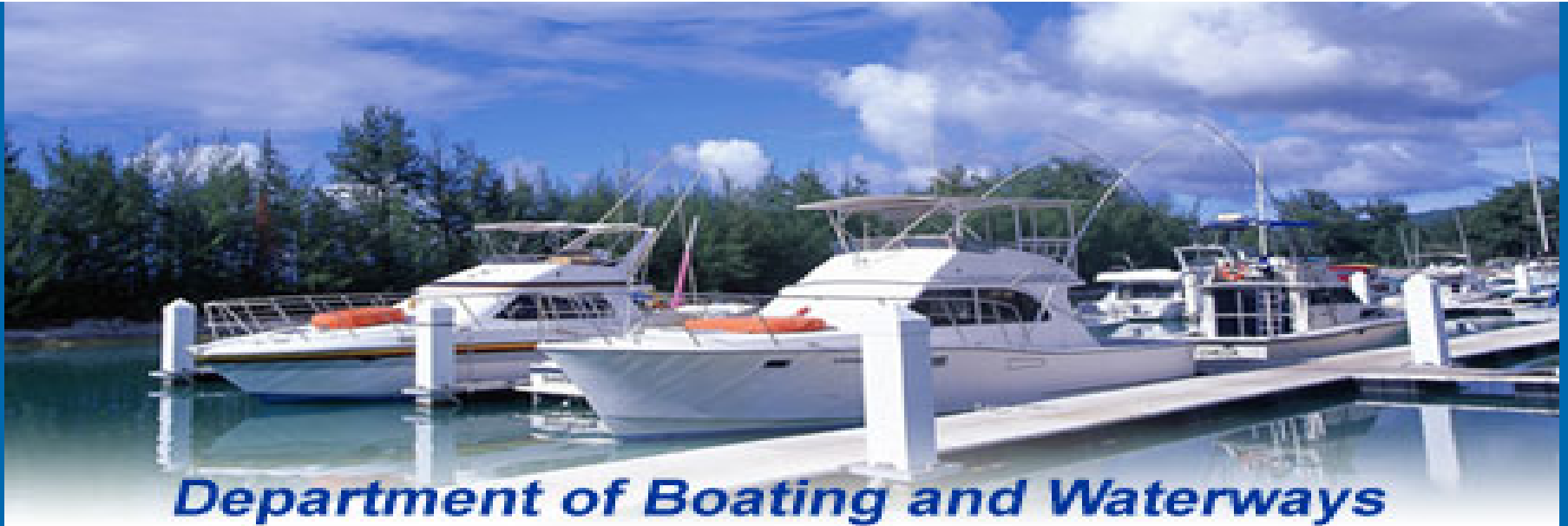
- Owner Responsible for removal
 - Ownership difficult to track
 - Local Law Enforcement responsible for abandoned/unclaimed
- Abandoned boats
 - 30 day wait
 - Immediate
 - Public safety



Beached Vessel Removal

- Many challenges
 - Location
 - Size and type of Vessels





- County received Abandoned Watercraft grant
 - \$25,000
 - 10% match
 - Removal of abandoned pleasure craft
 - Navigational hazards
 - Cannot be used on commercial vessels

Questions?

