



# Friends of the MORRO BAY HARBOR DEPARTMENT



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## Harbor Patrol Activities for May 2019:

<i>Calls for Service</i>	137
<i>Land/ Bay Patrols</i>	354
<i>Emergency Calls</i>	10
<i>Enforcement Calls</i>	30
<i>Assist Other Agencies</i>	54
<i>Maintenance Actions</i>	166

## Morro Bay Beach Lifeguard Academy 2019

The United States Lifesaving Academy hosted by the City of Morro Bay is a standardized 40-hour pre-service training program designed to prepare cadets for work as professional beach lifeguards. The course consists of lectures, homework, physical challenges, hands-on skill practice, and written and practical examinations. During the academy, cadets become proficient in fundamental lifeguarding techniques for beach and water surveillance, rescue, medical care, and communication in addition to job nuances such as lifeguard history, professionalism and ethics, weather, aquatic life, and lifeguard health and safety. Cadets receive scores for each



individual activity and must achieve an 80% overall grade in addition to passing practical and written final testing in order to be certified USLA lifeguards. During the 2019 USLA Academy in Morro Bay, 12 lifeguards were certified and will be working at Morro Bay or Cayucos as tower lifeguards or junior lifeguard staff.



**NOTE:** Beach Lifeguards began staffing over the Memorial Day weekend, and will be on weekend-only duty until mid-June, after schools are out and summer really gets into swing. Seven-day a week coverage will continue through the Labor Day weekend, after which they will go back to weekends-only through the Harbor Festival weekend. Beachgoers are reminded to always swim near a Lifeguard, and don't hesitate to ask your local guards for the latest beach and other information.



## 2nd Annual *Marine* Swap Meet

*Save the date!*

It's that time again for the Marine Swap Meet in Morro Bay! Last years inaugural swap meet was such a success we are doing it again. We hope to see you Saturday June 29, 2019 from 8am - 2pm to sell or shop for you favorite marine find. You may also donate marine oriented items to the FMBHD to sell! The money collected will be put toward future fundraising efforts. Call the Harbor Department for details to reserve your space to sell or information on location and hours. 805-772-6254

<b>MORRO BAY Marine SWAP MEET</b>	<b>Saturday, June 29, 2019</b> 8 a.m.— 2 p.m. at the Morro Bay Maritime Museum 1210 Embarcadero, Morro Bay Bring your appetite... Food available for purchase <b>Free Admission</b>	<b>BUY &amp; SELL</b> Vendor spaces just \$10! Purchase a Vendor's Space online at <a href="http://friendsofthembhd.org">friendsofthembhd.org</a> or in person at the Morro Bay Harbor Dept. 1275 Embarcadero Road, Morro Bay	<b>Boats</b> <b>Surf Boards</b> <b>Marine Supplies</b> <b>Marine Hardware</b> <b>Fishing Gear</b> <b>Nautical Antiques</b> <b>Maritime Art &amp; Collectables</b> <b>Dive and Scuba</b>
<b>EVENT PROCEEDS TO GO TO THESE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</b>			
	 <b>Questions? – (805) 772-6254</b>		

## 2019 Morro Bay Kite Festival

Soar into Morro Bay Kite Festival was a huge success thanks to all the participants and volunteers! Attendance was estimated to be around 17,000 visitors!

This year brought new experiences, with Super Heros and Princesses at the Rock, and a special drop in from Mary Poppins. Not to forget the extraordinarily high flying large aquatic kites flown in from Amsterdam.

A special thank you to Jeep and Castle Wind for your sponsorship and all the businesses that donated raffle prizes and supported this event!

[www.morrobaykitefestival.org](http://www.morrobaykitefestival.org)

**Next Year Kite Festival is April 24-26, 2019**



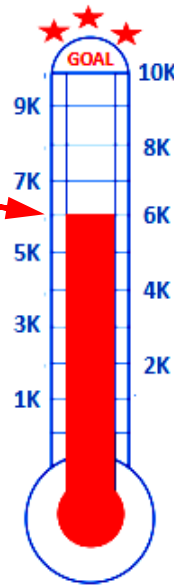
## *Future Needs!*

### **REPLACE SOLAR EMERGENCY PHONE**

Continuing until we raise the full funds...our target needs are the Solar *Emergency Phone*, our current priority and to refurbish two lifeguard towers.

The Harbor Department currently has a solar emergency phone on the sandspit at the South Jetty. The 17 year old phone installed in 2003 recently stopped functioning. The emergency phone serves as an important tool in aiding in the quick response to emergency calls on the oceanside of the Sandspit. In 2000, two children perished when they were trapped under a capsized boat a mile South of the South Jetty. It was more than an hour after the accident happened before rescuers even knew of the disaster. For this reason the phone is so important and a priority, costing an estimated \$10,000.

We Are At 60%



**\$10,000 Replacement Cost**



*So far we have raised \$6,000 for the phone.*

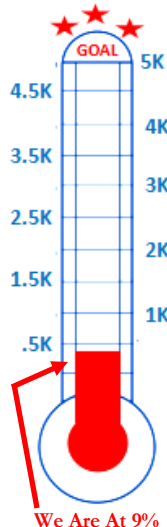
**Safe a life... *donate* today!**



### **REFURBISH LIFEGUARD TOWERS**

We are also raising money to paint and refurbish two lifeguard towers as we did a couple years ago to Tower 0, pictured below. The coastal environment causes corrosion, rust and pitting on metal and under paint. It's estimated to cost \$5,000 to refurbish each tower.

**Newly Refurbish Tower**



**\$5,000 to Refurbish**



*So far we have raised \$ 450.00 for the towers.*



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*Our friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department are folks just like you. We would like you to partner with us in supporting community events and helping us to acquire necessary equipment we need for safety to better serve those who visit the shoreline of Morro Bay.*

*The Morro Bay Harbor Department is a service-oriented organization providing boater assistance, emergency response, code enforcement, and facilities maintenance for the waterfront and the waters of Morro Bay.*

We are on the web at:

**<https://friendsofthembhd.org>** and

**facebook**



May 18, we recognized National Safe Boating Day. Tours of first-responder vessels from the Coast Guard, CA Fish & Wildlife, County Sheriff and Harbor Patrol were given at the Harbor Patrol docks, along with boating safety lectures and safety handout materials. Coast Guard Auxiliary gave free vessel checks at the Launch Ramp, in addition of hosting a DBW- sponsored life jacket trade-in to ensure serviceable life jackets were available to the public.

**Thank  
YOU!**

**Thank you members and donors!**

**We couldn't do it without you!**

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