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EXPO: Alternative Uses of the Oil Platforms

Tabling and Presentations

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Where: Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, 113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara

When: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 1:00-5:00 PM

1:00-4:00 PM Tabling & Presentations

4:00-5:00 PM Keynote Speaker

Cost: Free and open to the public

Register: www.sbmm.org or (805) 456-8747

The goal of the Alternative Uses of the Oil Platforms Expo is to inform and educate the public about the different options available for creating alternative uses for the Santa Barbara Channel oil platforms as many of them head towards decommissioning.



Vendors, including the following private enterprises and nonprofit organizations, will be presenting their ideas at tables throughout the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) and via 15-minute presentations inside our Munger Theater:

- Bardex
- BOEM-Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Pacific Region
- HUBBS Seaworld Research Institute
- Pacific Ocean Energy Trust
- Blue Latitudes
- Marine Megatropolis
- OceanForesters

Proposals may range from converting them into marine life reefs or protected areas, renewable energy sources such as wind or wave power, and fishing reefs to desalination plants or aquaculture facilities. There will also be a keynote speaker (to be announced) at 4:00pm on the Museum's main floor to close out the Expo. Vendor fees are \$50 for nonprofit organizations and \$100 for private enterprises.

SBMM believes an open discussion of ideas is important for our community as we move towards the next phase of the Santa Barbara Channel oil platforms. This Expo will give the public the opportunity to be heard and to have input in the decision-making process.

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Since 2000, the [Santa Barbara Maritime Museum](http://www.sbmm.org) has featured many artifacts and stories to share the history of the Santa Barbara Channel with more than 40,000 visitors annually and provides year-round experiential maritime history and marine science education for local youth. Featuring the impressive *First-Order Fresnel Lighthouse Lens* from Point Conception, SBMM's current exhibits explore the *History of Oil in Santa Barbara Channel & Chumash Use of Asphaltum*, the *Honda Disaster*, and *Wives and Daughters: Keepers of the Light*.