



Public Safety on Mission Bay

An informational report from the San Diego Lifeguards



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Mission Bay Park (features)

- ▶ 4,600 acres of bay and park areas
- ▶ 27 miles of shoreline
- ▶ 6 resort hotels and 2 campgrounds
- ▶ 7 seasonal lifeguard protected swim areas
- ▶ Many camps, clubs and user groups



Mission Bay Park (Aquatics)

- ▶ Swimming, kayaking, canoeing, SUP's
- ▶ Wind surfing, kite boarding, sailing, fishing
- ▶ Personal Water Craft (PWC)
- ▶ Power boating, water skiing, wake boarding
- ▶ Commercial sport fishing and dive charters
- ▶ Whale watching



Mission Bay Park (On land)

- ▶ Picnic and barbeque facilities
- ▶ Play grounds, basket ball, volley ball
- ▶ Walking and running trails
- ▶ Off-leash dog park on Fiesta Island
- ▶ Remote control model airplane area
- ▶ Belmont Park, Sea World Park



Mission Bay Park (Services)

- ▶ 11 Marinas with more than 2,200 slips
- ▶ 5 public boat launch ramps
- ▶ 2 fuel docks
- ▶ 126 Moorings and 232 Beach Bar Permits
- ▶ Temporary docking & boat pump out facilities
- ▶ Permit-only water ski and PWC area
- ▶ Several recreation vessel rental operations



Mission Bay Park (Events)

- ▶ Many local, national and international events
 - Local running races and triathlons
 - Canoe and paddleboard races
 - San Diego Crew Classic
 - Thunderboat Regatta
 - Corporate events



Boating Safety Unit (BSU)

- ▶ Patrols Mission Bay and City Coastline
- ▶ Emergency services include:
 - Swimmer rescue
 - Boat rescue
 - Medical aid
 - Marine fire suppression
 - Sinking vessel pump out
 - Emergency boat tows
 - Law enforcement (Peace Officers)

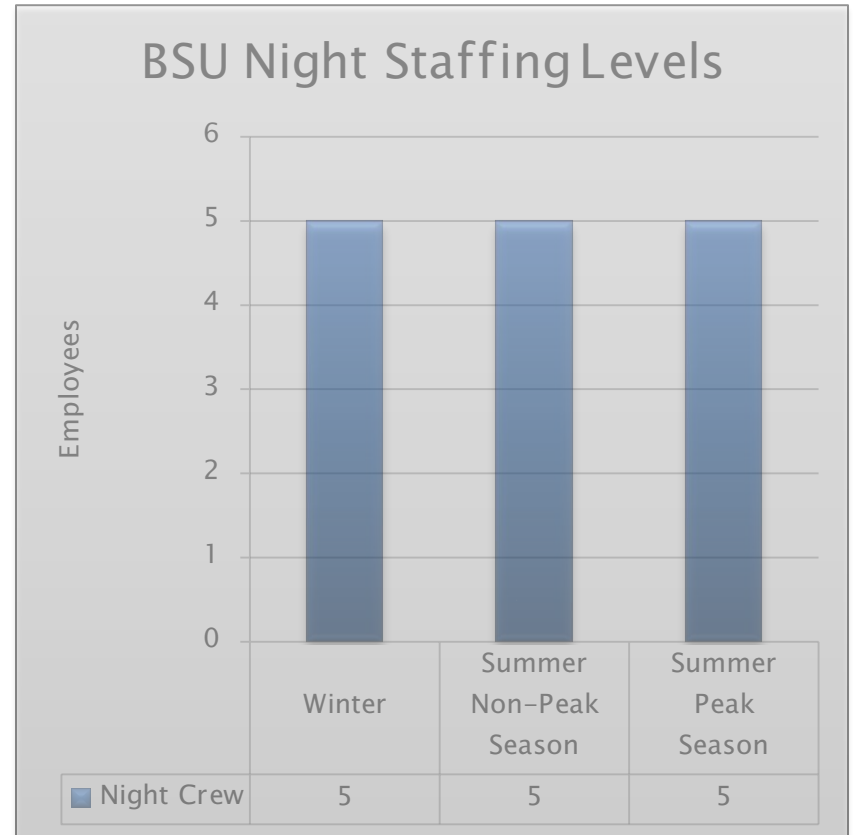
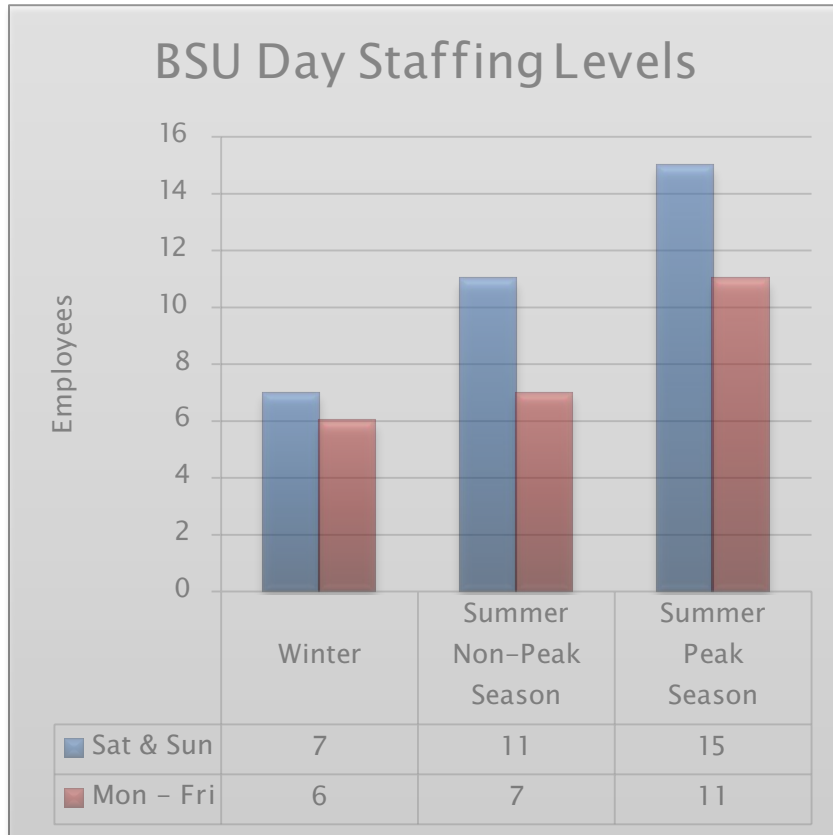


Boating Safety Unit (BSU)

- ▶ Lifeguard Communication Center (LCC)
 - 911 Public Safety Answering Point
 - Emergency radio dispatching
 - Emergency VHF Marine Radio monitoring
 - California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS computer terminal access)
 - 24/7 surveillance of Mission Bay entrance



BSU Staffing Levels



BSU Boating Law Enforcement

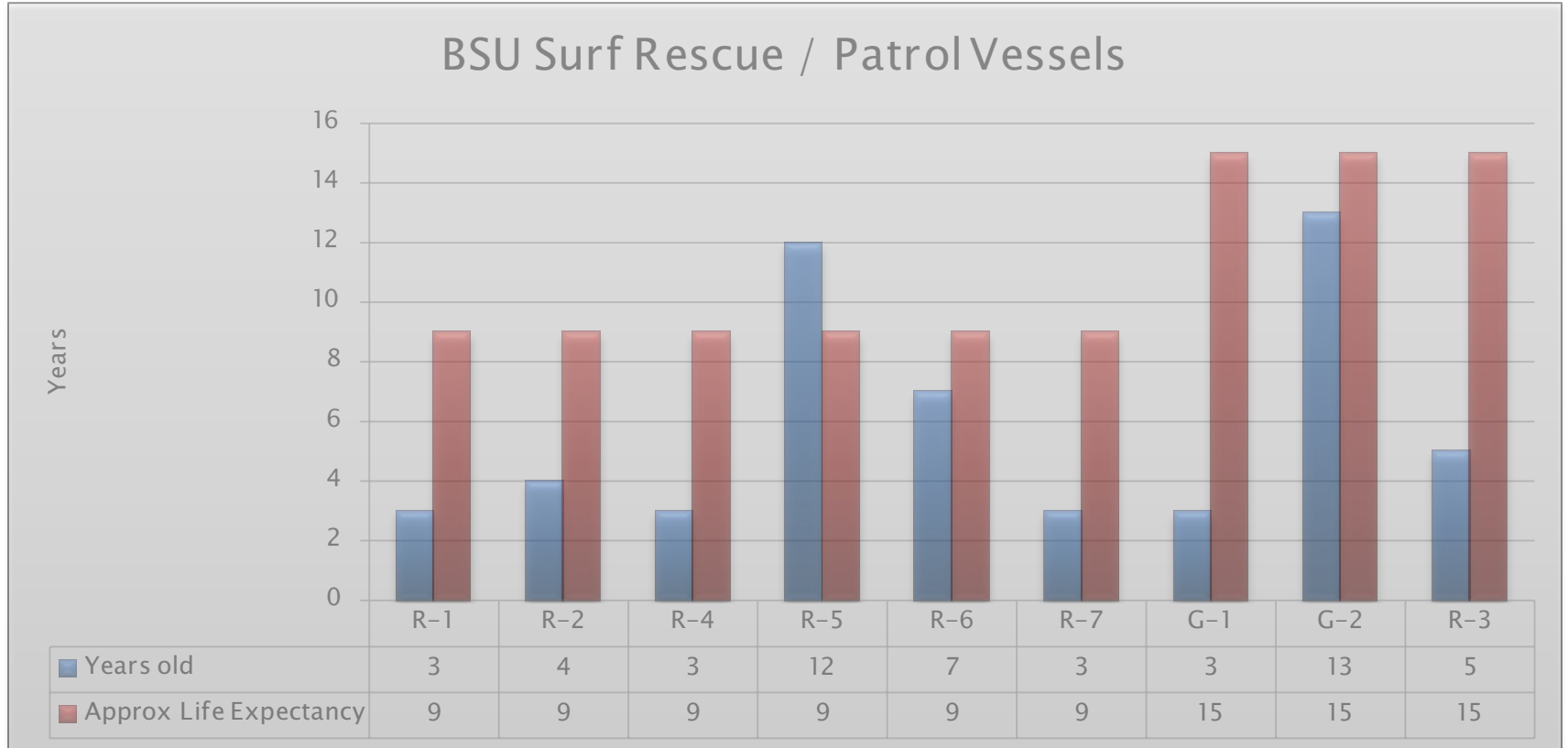
- ▶ Boating accident prevention measures
 - Boating Citations (top three categories)
 - Vessel speed violations
 - Vessel carriage requirements and registration
 - Water skiing violations
 - Preventative Acts
 - Warnings
 - Public education



BSU Rescue Vessels



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BSU Multi-Purpose Rescue Vessels



➤ Marine 1 (8 years old)



➤ Marine 2 (21 years old)



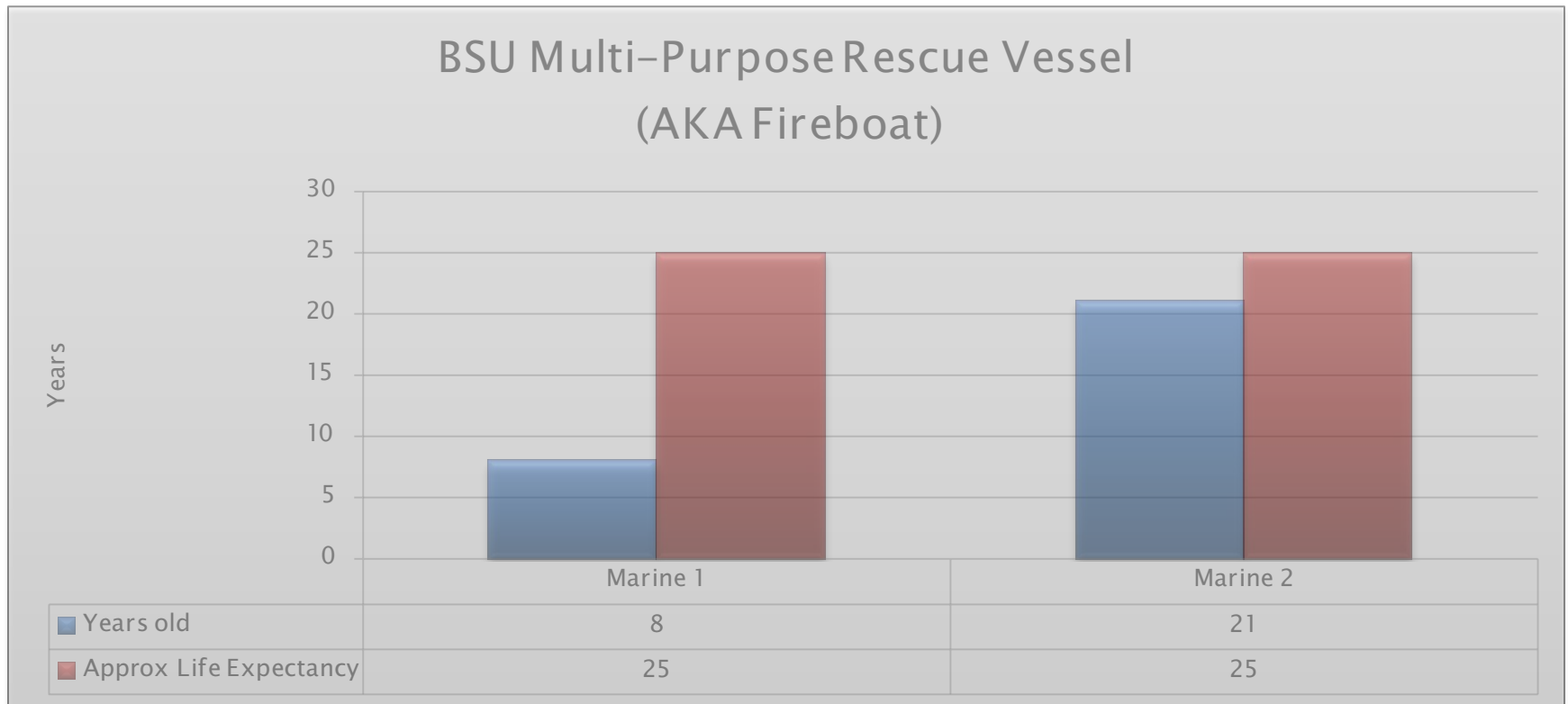
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➤ Many different uses



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Vessel Replacement

- ▶ Historically One-time budget allocations
 - Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) grant
 - Corporate sponsorship
 - City budget allocation
- ▶ To be addressed:
 - Marine 2 is nearing the end of its operational life
 - The Mayor's Office is considering options for addressing future vessel replacement.



Questions?

