Friends of SBMM,

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum prioritizes the health of our community, visitors, members, volunteers, donors, and staff. We have regretfully decided to cancel our 20th Anniversary Fundraiser honoring Surf Legends Shaun Tomson and Renny Yater. Without our annual fundraiser on May 29th, we anticipate a fundraising deficit.

In order to continue operations, support SBMM staff, welcome 40,000 visitors, and inspire our community through interactive exhibits, lectures, and hands-on educational programs, SBMM is asking the community to help raise $100,000 by June 30th.

Whether it be students experiencing their maiden sea voyage aboard the Coral Sea, or learning how to collect indicator species with a Naturalist, we believe that every child and adult should experience the Santa Barbara Channel, know its history, and help preserve its natural wonders. Your generous gift will ensure that we are able to continue our important work.

Please give today. The first $25,000 received will be matched by past Board President George Writer and his wife Judy.

Sincerely,

Don Barthelmess, Board President
Greg Gorga, Executive Director

P.S. This year, we are also undergoing our accreditation process with the American Alliance of Museums. This achievement will place SBMM in the top tier of museums nationwide recognized for upholding best practices, and allow us to continue educating the community for years to come.