

WINTER 2018

Thank You, DOCKWALKERS!

“What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind of
difference you want to make.”

Jane Goodall

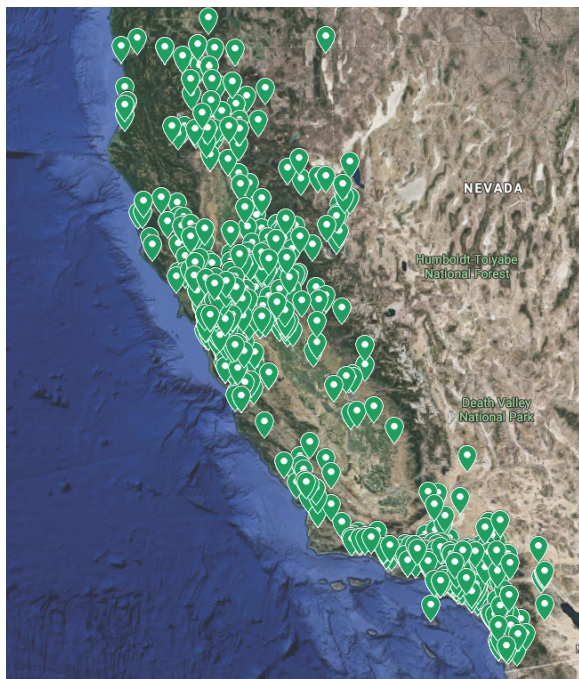
Dockwalkers made a big difference again in 2018 in the health of our waters.

Dockwalkers are partners and environmental educators, trained to provide face-to-face boater education about clean boating practices and distribute [California boater kits](#).



Dockwalkers David Jackson and Dennis Barr at the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show

Photo: Vivian Matuk, California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways/California Coastal Commission



This map shows where boaters live who have learned about clean boating from Dockwalkers. Dockwalkers like YOU are making a great impact throughout the state!

They perform these duties while visiting boating facilities, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events, as well as through presentations at yacht clubs or by simply talking to boaters when the opportunity arises. Boaters receive a boater kit after completing a boater survey and signing a pledge to adopt clean boating practices. The questionnaire helps to improve future education efforts in the Dockwalker Program.

More than 150 new volunteers participated in the 13 trainings conducted in 2018. The volunteers distributed more than 8,500 boater kits and donated over 2,000 volunteer hours. Working together with these dedicated partners made this year another success.

Boating Clean and Green Program leads (California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and California Coastal Commission), and The Bay Foundation would like to express our deepest gratitude to all Dockwalker volunteers and organizations that supported the Dockwalker Program this year. In 2018, the program partners worked together with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Save Our Shores, Lake Berryessa Partnership, Lake County, and many more organizations.

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Destination Series:

VENTURA: Gateway to the Islands

For thousands of years, people have been benefiting from local land and sea resources in the area we now know as Ventura. Chumash people, Native Californians who populated the region for at least 12,000 years, relied heavily on maritime resources such as fish and aquatic mammals, as well as the Pacific Ocean's moderating effect on climate for easy gathering of land resources. Nowadays, thousands of tourists come to Ventura to take advantage of the beautiful weather and location as a cultural, retail, and visitor destination.

Located south of the downtown area is a gem of Ventura: beautiful Ventura Harbor. Although other beachside towns boast similar features of fine dining and fresh seafood, outdoor and ocean sports, beaches, yacht clubs, and tours, Ventura Harbor provides a special feature – it allows one to explore the Channel Islands National Park and Marine Sanctuary. Getting to the closest island by ferry will take just over one hour. The sanctuary has a network of Marine Protected Areas with 11 marine reserves that prohibit all fishing activities and two marine conservation areas that allow limited take of lobster and pelagic fish. Before your trip, it is a good idea to familiarize yourself at the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center in the Harbor with these distinctions.



Channel Islands, the “Galapagos of North America”

Photo: Mark Corcoran

Diving is especially popular if you are heading to the Islands but if diving is not your cup of tea, there are plenty of other water-based activities for you. Wildlife cruises, kayaking, snorkeling, and whale watching (late-December to mid-April) are amazing options, just to name a few.

After spending the entire day on the water, rest up and recharge at Ventura Harbor Village's 35 shops, restaurants, and entertainment along the Harbor Promenade. The Village is pet-friendly and has tons of fun events planned year-round.

For our boating enthusiasts, contact marinas directly with questions regarding pricing and availability of guest slips:

Ventura Harbor Village Marina (805) 644-0169

Ventura Isle Marina (805) 644-5858

Ventura West Marina (805) 633-8266

For more information on events, dining, and accommodations, visit the Ventura Harbor Village's website at www.venturaharborvillage.com.

Follow Ventura Harbor on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/venturaharbor/>.



Amazing marine mammal viewing opportunities from Ventura

Photo: John Hollenbeck

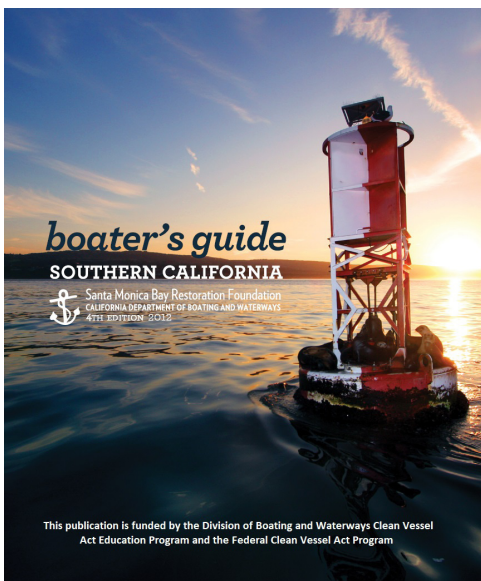


Winter Special: Complimentary Southern California Boater's Guide

The *Southern California Boater's Guide* provides valuable information right at your fingertips – boating safety, custom maps, and specific harbor information about Southern California harbors from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

Perfect for new boaters, boat brokers, marina managers, yacht clubs, and more, the *Guide* is available in single copy quantities and boxes of 20 while supplies last.

For more information, contact Kim Riley at kriley@santamonicabay.org.



[Click link for downloadable PDF.](#)

"Excellent Quality! Will be a great resource. Thank you."



"I'm returning to sailing after 20 years. Your guide is inspirational! Thanks for informing me about the many changes since I was last sailing! You educated me!"



"Really nice guide!"

"C u" Later: Copper Loading in San Diego

Author: Kelly Tait, Port of San Diego

The year 2017 marked the end to the second interim compliance phase for the Shelter Island Yacht Basin TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load). The interim compliance target required a 40 percent reduction in copper loading into Shelter Island Yacht Basin by 2017. The Port of San Diego successfully reported a 45.4 percent reduction in copper loading for 2017 as part of the Shelter Island Yacht Basin TMDL Annual Report. This reduction was confirmed by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board during the October Board meeting.

To achieve this milestone, Port of San Diego staff worked closely and collaboratively for the past 10 years with a variety of stakeholders to execute various strategies within the Copper Reduction Program. Collaborating partners include recreational boaters, leaseholders, paint suppliers, in-water hull cleaners, boatyards, marinas, yacht clubs, and local, regional, and state agencies.

For the 2013-2017 interim compliance phase, efforts included work in the areas of policy development and legislation, testing and research, hull paint transitions, education and outreach, and monitoring and reporting. Examples include the conversion of 41 hulls to non-copper paints between 2013-2015 under a state-funded(319(h)) Grant, as well as four Port-run expos aimed at educating the boating community on non-copper alternatives. Together with the California State Parks Department of Boating and Waterways, County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the California Coastal Commission, the Port also prepared an outreach brochure, *Boater's Guide to Using Hull Paint in California*, in 2016. This publication is currently being updated to reflect the new statewide Department of Pesticide Regulation's maximum leach rate rule for copper paints. Additionally, the Port works closely with marinas and yacht clubs to annually track the type of paint on every vessel in Shelter Island Yacht Basin to calculate loads based on TMDL assumptions.

The final TMDL compliance requirement of a 76 percent reduction in loading is required to be achieved by 2022. The Port of San Diego plans to continue to work with Shelter Island Yacht Basin stakeholders and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board to achieve final TMDL compliance requirements.

[Click link for online version of brochure or contact Vivian Matuk at \(415\) 904-6905 to order a copy.](#)



By: Port of San Diego, California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission, and County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors

Destination: TIKI LAGOON

A fantastic day on the Delta is guaranteed when visiting Tiki Lagoon Resort and Marina, complete with activities for adventure or relaxation. Located only one mile south of buoys 22 and 24 on the San Joaquin River, or 12 miles west of Stockton, this “island” destination is accessible by taking Turner’s Cut at Lost Isle, or from Discovery Bay by taking the Middle River to Empire Cut.

Whether you plan to stay overnight or enjoy the amenities as a guest boater for the day, Tiki Lagoon has a place for you amongst their 210 covered boat slips and side-tie berths on three concrete docks and one wooden dock.

This full-service resort also offers a sewage pumpout station, a full-hookup RV park, tent camping, a launch ramp, a fuel dock, propane service, and short- and long-term storage for boats, trailers and RV’s. The general store on site is stocked with fishing, RV, and camping supplies, along with an extensive grocery selection.

For those seeking a bit of adventure, this resort’s central location along the San Joaquin River makes for an excellent destination to kayak or waterski. Millions of native Delta birds call this patch of the Pacific Flyway home, making Tiki Lagoon a wildlife lover’s paradise.



Tiki Lagoon in the heart of the California Delta.

Photo: Tiki Lagoon Resort & Marina

After a long day of fishing and boating on the Delta, enjoy a meal and a sunset view at the newly opened Tiki Grill Restaurant. Relax at night with the comforts of home including high-speed Wi-Fi and laundry facilities.

Open since the 1960s, Tiki Lagoon continues to provide hospitality and a worthwhile getaway to anyone venturing along the San Joaquin River. They also boast the cheapest gasoline of all the marinas in the Delta, so be sure to stop in to fill up both your vessel and your stomach!

For more information, contact Tiki Lagoon Resort & Marina 12988 W. McDonald Rd., Stockton (209) 941-8975. TikiLagoon.com

Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange in the Delta

Author: Ron Kent, California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways

Covering 1,153 square miles, the Delta is a labyrinth of rivers, sloughs, and waterways, making it a tempting place for people to deposit things that don’t belong. One of the most troubling sights in the Delta is abandoned boats. These vessels are a threat to the environment, dangerous to other boaters, and costly for taxpayers.

California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) manages the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF). Created through legislation in 1998, AWAF assists law enforcement, special districts, and other agencies with citation authority in removing and destroying abandoned recreational boats. From 1999 to 2010, 1,331 boats have been destroyed through the AWAF program.

Although AWAF has been effective, the program is reactive--removing boats already deserted. The cost to remove boats that have taken on water or have sunk is twice as much as removing a boat turned in by an owner.

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Enacted in 2010, the Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) allows agencies to accept boats from owners before they become abandoned. Agencies need to predict how many abandoned versus turn-in vessels they may have over the course of the agreement; over time, this proved to be an inefficient use of grant funding.

In 2014, the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) program combined AWAFF and VTIP to allow agencies to use the grant funding for either purpose, enabling agencies to use more of the funding each year. The SAVE program has proven effective, but could be more so if boaters were made better aware of VTIP. Agencies receiving SAVE funding promote VTIP as a preventative method to help alleviate the problem before it occurs.

What can the boating community do to help? Be proactive! Boat owners, yacht clubs, and marinas can assist DBW with outreach to let the boating public know about VTIP. So, let's get informed and keep California waterways clean!



Recovered abandoned vessel in the Delta.

Photo: Contra Costa County Sheriff

For more information on VTIP, visit [DBW's website](#).

Pumpout Nav: *Useful Pumpout-Finding App for Boaters*



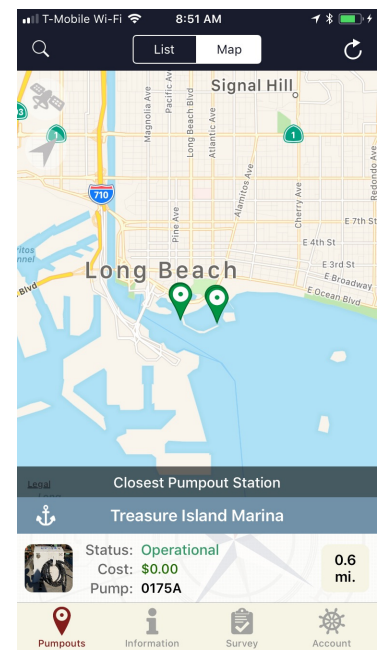
California has 1,100 miles of coastline, hundreds of navigable rivers and lakes, and one of the highest levels of recreational boating in the nation. Increased outdoor activity means boating-related pollutants can enter aquatic environments, potentially impacting marine animals, wildlife, and human health.

Given the large number of recreation boats in the state, even a small amount of sewage from a fraction of boats can be harmful. Pumpout Nav is a tool that helps provide recreational boaters a means to minimize the impacts of boating-related pollutants from entering the waterways.

Pumpout Nav is a free iOS and Android mobile app that allows boaters to find the nearest sewage pumpout. Updated and rereleased in spring 2018, the app gives boaters information on the operational status of their local pumpouts, as well as cost and hours, the exact location within the marina, and guidance on how and why to pump out.

The app was first developed by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways' Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program for boaters in the San Francisco Bay/Delta and Southern California regions and has been picked up by CVA programs in other states. Boaters in Oregon and along Lake Champlain in the New York/Vermont/Quebec region can now find the location of publicly accessible pumpouts in their areas as well. Other states are excited to get on board, expanding the usefulness of the app for boaters who travel across state lines.

More updates to the app are in progress, including allowing boaters to build up their profiles, log their pumpouts, track favorites, and sign up for notifications. The next version is due out in spring 2019--watch for it!



Pumpout Nav shows the location of functioning pumpouts

Photo: San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Destination Series: SOUTH BEACH HARBOR

Author:

Shelah Moody, South Beach Harbor

South Beach Harbor is one of San Francisco Bay Area's most popular boating and tourist destinations. The harbor was built in 1986 by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency on the property leased from the Port of San Francisco, with funding provided by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways.



Photo: Gerard Sheridan

South Beach Harbor is centrally located in San Francisco's South of Market district, between Pier 40 on the Embarcadero and AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants. The harbor is accessible via public transportation such as SF Muni, BART, Caltrain, Blue & Gold Fleet ferry, and Oakland/Alameda ferry. The gateway to South Beach Harbor is marked by a popular art piece by Mark di Suvero called Sea Change, a 70-foot-tall, red, triangular steel sculpture. This 10-ton kinetic sculpture was installed in 1995 and has a circular top that moves in the wind.

There are multiple dining options available in the South Beach Harbor area. South Beach Harbor is known for its pleasant climate, access to the best sailing conditions, and postcard view of the city skyline.



Photo: Gerard Sheridan

South Beach Harbor is a full-service marina, consisting of 700 slips with concrete docks, a 640-foot recreational and commercial guest dock pier, Pier 40 Maritime Center, and South Beach Park. Guest reservations for vessels less than 50-feet long may be made anytime up to two calendar months in advance of arrival dates. For a rate schedule, go to <https://sfport.com/south-beach-harbor> or call (415) 495-1111. Yacht clubs and other organizations wishing to reserve berths for groups of five or more may make reservations up to one year in advance of arrival date.

South Beach Harbor is on the forefront in terms of pollution prevention. The harbor has two sewage pumps and a 100-gallon tank for used oil collection. In addition, the harbor has an oil-absorbent exchange program. The harbor is also a partner of the [California Fishing Line Recycling Program](#), offering two recycling stations. South Beach Harbor conducts an annual spill prevention and awareness workshop. The harbor actively promotes clean boating practices to help prevent pollutants from entering the San Francisco Bay and beyond as part of the California Dock-walker Program.

For more information, visit the Port of San Francisco's website at <https://sfport.com/south-beach-harbor>.

Follow South Beach Harbor on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sbeach.harbor>.

More Than 1,000 Sites Covered on California Coastal Cleanup Day

Tens of thousands of Californians turned out on September 15, 2018, to take part in the 34th California Coastal Cleanup Day, the state's largest annual volunteer event organized by the California Coastal Commission.

Dedicated volunteers gathered hundreds of tons of trash at beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways, cleaning up at more than [1,000 sites](#) in 55 of California's 58 counties, the largest collection of sites in the cleanup event's history. Cleanups took place up and down the coast – from Oregon to the Mexico border, and as far inland as Lake Tahoe. California's event is also part of the International Coastal Cleanup organized by the Ocean Conservancy.

The statewide count stands at 65,700 volunteers, with results still coming in. These volunteers picked up 667,711 pounds (334 tons!) of trash and recyclables from over 1,800 miles of shoreline.

The event also provided a hands-on educational experience about the damage that trash, especially single-use disposable plastics, can cause to California's wildlife, economy, and human health. According to past cleanup data, 75 percent of the debris that volunteers removed was composed of plastic, a material that never completely biodegrades and has numerous harmful consequences in the environment. Plastic debris can kill wildlife, leach toxins into the environment, and introduce them into the food chain. Since up to 80 percent of the trash on the California coast



Active Volunteers in Newport Bay

Photo: Newport SeaBase

originates on land, volunteers across the state helped prevent enormous amounts of trash from reaching the ocean, wherever they participated.

Again this year, the boating community demonstrated its commitment to keeping our shorelines and waterways clean. Sixty-nine boating facilities and boating groups participated in the event with 1,873 volunteers who cleaned 134.77 miles and collected 11,654 pounds of trash and recyclables on land and from 233 vessels (kayaks, canoes, and dinghies). Eighteen percent of the volunteers brought their own reusable cleanup supplies.

The California Coastal Commission and the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways would like to thank the boating facilities, coordinators, and partners for their participation. Click [here](#) to learn which boating facilities participated in 2018 California Coastal Cleanup Day.

If you are not already part of this effort, we invite you to join us for the 35th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21, 2019. For information on how to participate, visit www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/boating.html or contact the Boating Clean and Green Program Coordinator, Vivian Matuk, at (415) 904-6905. We hope your boating facility and/or boating group can be part of this worthwhile event.



Active Volunteers in Newport Bay

Photo: Newport SeaBase

Participation Surges in the 2018 Online Boater Education Clean Boating Quiz

You may think that online quizzes are boring, but more than 9,700 boaters and water enthusiasts think otherwise. From July 9 to September 2, California's Boating Clean & Green Program (BCGP) hosted a statewide online educational outreach tool to increase awareness of clean boating practices.

These online messages challenged recreational boat owners to test their #CleanAndGreen knowledge about preventive practices related to oil, fuel, hazardous waste, sewage, and marine debris. In addition, the quiz provides a way for the program to communicate with boaters not reached at boat shows, boating events, or through the help of partner Dockwalkers.

A number of quiz-takers complimented the program:

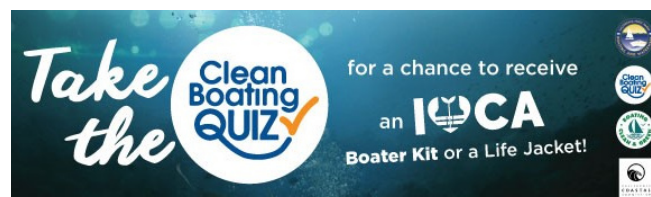
"I definitely feel I learned something, and appreciate the boating quiz. Thank you for putting forth the information to the public and for thinking outside of the box. This is a wonderful tool!" –Bryan



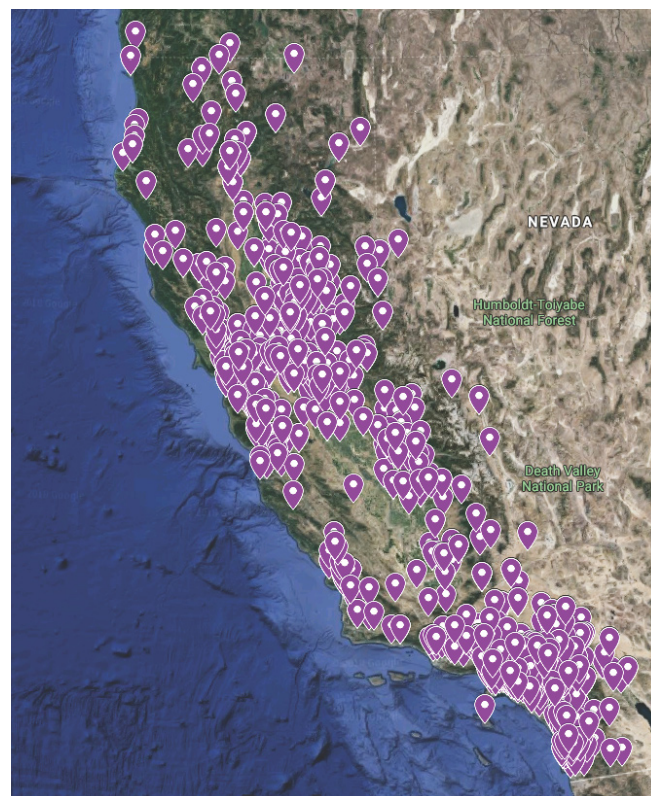
"The quiz had a lot of great questions, especially the symbol questions." –Sam



"I did learn about fuel clean up. I have a sailboat so this is good info." –Robin



Geotargeted outreach messages about the short, six-question educational quiz reached California boaters via native ads, posts, and tweets on Facebook and Instagram. Based on the response to the 2017 pilot project quiz, BCGP Coordinator Vivian Matuk set a modest 2018 goal to collect responses from 3,000 online quizzes. Almost immediately, the response rate jumped until it had grown to three times the original goal (total of 9,781). Weekly quiz incentives included life jackets or the California clean boater kits for randomly selected participants.



This map shows where boaters live who participated in the 2018 online clean boating quiz



DBW @Boat_California · Jul 24

Think you know everything there is to #CleanAndGreen boating? Test your knowledge with our 6-question quiz for a chance to receive a free boater kit! BoatingQuizCalifornia.com



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Online quiz social media post



Thank You, DOCKWALKERS!

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The following Dockwalkers administered and returned the highest number of surveys, and join the ranks in the Dockwalker Hall of Fame:

- Robert Issacouliar (Former U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG Auxiliary)) (Sacramento County)
- William Hale (USCG Auxiliary) (Trinity County)
- Charlie Duncan (USCG Auxiliary) (Shasta County)
- James Kemp (Lake County Water Resources) (Lake County)
- Tom Erwin (Boater) (Sacramento County)
- Ambie Williams (Riverbank Marina) (Sacramento County)
- Karyn Baron (Riverbank Marina) (Sacramento County)
- Jim Goff (USCG Auxiliary) (Sacramento County)
- Sue Hutchings (USCG Auxiliary) (Orange County)
- Christine Pernin (Boater) (Los Angeles County)
- Angie McGraw (Santa Cruz Harbor) (Santa Cruz County)
- Edmond Waters (USCG Auxiliary) (San Diego County)
- Jim Minkel (USCG Auxiliary) (Solano County)
- James Fitzgerald (USCG Auxiliary) (Sonoma County)
- Ricki Ormson (Ventura West Marina) (Ventura County)
- Sarah Tanner (The Harbor at Marina Bay) (Los Angeles County)
- Robert Hamming (USCG Auxiliary) (Ventura County)
- Doug McDougall (Boater) (Sacramento County)
- Becca Gross (Emery Cove Yacht Harbor) (Alameda County)
- Dan Dawes (US Power Squadrons) (Orange County)
- Sheryl Meadows (US Power Squadrons) (Ventura County)
- Dennis Barr (Boater) (Solano County)
- Trintonial Morgan (Cvcorps) (Alameda County)
- Michael D. Bick (USCG Auxiliary) (Ventura County)
- Angie Montalvo (CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife) (Sacramento County)
- Staci Gabrielli (King Harbor Marina) (Los Angeles County)
- Dr. Bishop (Boater) (Alameda County)
- Mike Fiamingo (USCG Auxiliary) (San Luis Obispo County)
- Ruth Carsch (Boater) (Santa Cruz County)
- Gail Giacomini (USCG Auxiliary) (Marin County)
- Laurence Boag (USCG Auxiliary) (Alameda County)

Thanks to our partners, the following awards were provided to the hall of fame recipients:

- Fleece jackets from West Marine
- Trader Joe's products
- Gift certificates to
 - Starbucks
 - The Home Depot
 - Chipotle Mexican Grill
- California State Parks annual passes
- Life jackets

This year, we want to especially recognize and honor Charlie Duncan, a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist from Shasta County, who has been a partner Dockwalker since 2008. Charlie has educated and shared clean boating information and clean boater kits with more than **2,629 boaters** during his time as a Dockwalker. This year we celebrate his 84th birthday and his commitment to keep California waterways clean and safe. This year is his last year partnering with the Dockwalker program.

Thank you, Charlie--we are going to miss working with you.

To learn more about the Dockwalker Program and upcoming trainings, or to schedule a training class, visit www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com or contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905 or vivian.matuk@coastal.ca.gov.

Learn about what other Dockwalkers are saying about the program by viewing these [great videos](#).

Thank you to the Dockwalkers for all you do in providing clean boating education and improving the health of our waters.