

Appendix 4.2

Delta Boating Site Preferences

With literally hundreds of boating sites in the Delta, some with unmapped colloquial names, the following lists those sites mentioned as favored places to boat. Moreover, respondents listed both specific facilities such as marinas as well as locations such as a town site or section of a river. The voluminous and detailed data regarding specific facility needs for each site are included in the raw data table reports provided to the DBW and cover a total exceeding 150 individual boating sites. Note also that respondents were able to mention up to three favorite sites, with many respondents making multiple mentions. Finally, for purposes of this narrative, the following provides a short list of the most mentioned sites for each boater group thus providing a comparison between each group's most popular boating facilities.

As indicated below, the site mentioned most by large boat operators was Tower Park, with nearly one out of five mentions (20.1 %) garnered by this facility. Other sites with percentages in double figures included Herman's and Helen's Marina (14.8%), Stockton (12.7%), and the Carquinez area (12.7%). A second tier of sites included Rio Vista, Discovery Bay, Willow Berm, and Antioch (all 7.9%). With slightly fewer responses, are Riverboat Marina (7.4%), Sugar Barge (6.9%), Delta marina (5.8%) and Korth's Marina (5.3). Sites following this grouping each garnered less than 4% of responses, and are listed in the separate volumes of data tables.

Favorite Large Boat Sites Most Often Mentioned By Percent of Responses

<u>Site/Facility</u>	
Tower Park	20.1
Outrigger Marina	4.8
Herman's	14.8
Stockton	12.7
Carquinez	10.6
Rio Vista	7.9
Discovery Bay	7.9
Willow Berm	7.9
Antioch	7.9
Riverboat Marina	7.4
Sugar Barge	6.9
Delta Marina	5.8
Korth's Marina	5.3
Village West	4.8
Oxbow Marina	4.2

The next table shows the top twelve small boat sites with one key modification. Since the small boat group also included a sample of windsurfers and since those board sailing seek windy areas while those boating generally do not, the list separates each users preferences. Note that a portion of those windsurfing also use other small craft and in fact often ski or cruise in the same locations were they sail when conditions are windless.

As indicated, the bulk of windsurfers seek the windy conditions available at or near Sherman Island Park (72.3%) on the Sacramento River. Moreover, the number of sites listed by this portion of the sample was limited to 10 mentioned locations. Note also that while the windsurfing group mentioned specific sites along the river the remainder of the small boat sample was more likely to mention the Sacramento River as a general boating location, though these boaters may also use facilities in the Sherman Island area. With those from windsurfing group not included, the most popular boating sites for the small vessel group are led by Rio Vista (16.8%), the San Joaquin River (13.4%), Frank's Tract (10.4%) and the Sacramento River (9.9%).

A second tier of sites included Tower Park (9.4%), the Mokelumne River (8.4%), and Discovery Bay (7.9%), followed by a third grouping comprised of B&W Marina (5.0%), the Meadows (4.5%), Stockton (4.0%), Mildred Island (4.0%) and Lost Isle (4.0%). As with the large boat group the remaining site mentions in the small boat group are distributed among many sites all with a proportion less than 4% of all responses.

**Favorite Small Boat Sites Most Often Mentioned
By Percent of Responses**

Site (windsurf only)		Site (other boats)	
Sherman Is Park	72.3	Rio Vista	16.8
Power Lines	12.9	San Joaquin River	13.4
Windy Cove Park	5.9	Frank's Tract	10.4
San Joaquin River	2.0	Sacramento River	9.9
The Sign	2.0	Tower Park	9.4
Rio Vista	1.0	Mokelumne River	8.4
Mandeville Island	1.0	Discovery Bay	7.9
Holland's	1.0	B&W Marina	5.0
Glass Beach	1.0	The Meadows	4.5
Old River	1.0	Big Break	4.5
N/a	0	Stockton	4.0
N/a	0	Mildred Island	4.0
N/a	0	Lost Isle	4.0
N/a	0	Ladd's	4.0

The next set of tables provides a list of sites where facilities do not presently exist and therefore should be added or improved. The first table shows the top large boat responses followed by a similar table listing responses for all small boat users, including windsurfers. Note that since the windsurfing group principally mentioned one site (Sherman Island), the list is inclusive of all small boat respondents providing a useful listing of mentioned sites by their comparative priority.

Among the large boat segment, the most mentioned sites needing added facilities included the Mandeville (15.0%) and Meadows areas (10.0%), followed by a second grouping that included Stockton, Steamboat Slough, the Sacramento River, and Potato Slough (all 7.5%). The remaining listed sites all garnered 5.0% of total responses. Small boat users showed a similar pattern with the exception of the windsurfing sub group which centered its comments on Sherman Island – the resultant combined windsurfer other small boat responses gave this site more than one quarter (27.3%) of the total. The next most mentioned sites were the Sacramento River (10.9%) and Mildred Island (9.1 %). The remaining sites show a similar rate of response distribution from 3.6% to 5.0%

Note that there are five sites that both large and small boat users targeted as places where facilities do not exist but should be developed. These include Frank's Tract, Mildred Island, Sherman Island, Sacramento River, and Stockton. While the priorities may vary somewhat by user group, only the overwhelming windsurfer response for Sherman Island stands out as a specialized case. Otherwise, the findings clearly

direct planners to consider these sites as primary subjects for new facility development. The data are particularly interesting since facilities at these sites could be built to serve a full range of boating types including smaller non-motorized type craft.

**Large Boat Sites Where Facilities should be Built
(By Percent of Responses)**

Site/Facility	
Mandeville	15.0
Meadows Area	10.0
Stockton	7.5
Steamboat Slough ⁷	7.5
Sacramento River	7.5
Potato Slough	7.5
Sherman Island ⁹	5.0
Mildred Island	5.0
Locke	5.0
Franks Tract	5.0
Lost Isle	5.0
Hogback Island	5.0
Old River	5.0
Hood	5.0
Three River	5.0

**Small Boat Sites Where Facilities Should be Built
(By Percent of Responses)**

Site/Facility	
Sherman Island	27.3
Sacramento River	10.9
Mildred Island	5.5
Willow Berm	5.5
Franks Tract	5.5
Stockton	5.5
Mid Delta	5.5
Walnut Grove	5.5
Mokulume River	5.5
Glass Beach	3.6
Montezuma Slough	3.6
North Delta	3.6
Tower Park	3.6
Westgate	3.6
Disappointment Slough	3.6
Holland	3.6
San Joaquin River	3.6
Lost Isle	3.6