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Become a Dockwalker, Help Keep California's Waterways Clean

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California's Boating Clean and Green Program invites boaters to help keep the state's marinas, waterways, and ocean clean and healthy by becoming a Dockwalker.

"California is fortunate to have volunteer Dockwalkers who carry out the important message of keeping the state's waterways safe and clean with a high sense of pride," stated DBW's Deputy Director Sylvia O. Hunter. "We invite others to join in this effort so that future generations can enjoy clean waterways. The benefits of an informed public directly translate to safer and cleaner waters for California."

The Dockwalker Program is free and provides volunteers with the necessary tools and resources to educate boaters on how to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. Upon completion of the training program, volunteers become Dockwalkers and conduct face-to-face interaction with boaters at marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events. Hours spent training or educating the public qualify as community service.

Marinas and yacht clubs also benefit from the program. Their involvement provides marinas and yacht clubs with the educational materials and tools to operate a clean boating facility and minimize water quality impacts.

To become a volunteer, please contact the program coordinator, [Vivian Matuk](#), at (415) 904-6905 or visit www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com for more details and to view the [2014 Dockwalker Training Schedule](#).

Partnerships with the Bay Foundation (DBW Clean Vessel Act Program), the Keep the Delta Clean Program, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the US Power Squadrons, Lake Berryessa Partnership, Save Our Shores and many more organizations have made this program successful. Since the year 2000, more than 700 volunteers have become Dockwalkers and more than 100,000 boater kits have been distributed throughout California.

About Boating Clean and Green Program

An education and outreach program conducted through the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and California Coastal Commission. The program promotes environmentally-sound boating practices to marine business and boaters.

About California Coastal Commission

Protects, conserves, restores and enhances environmental and human-based resources of the California coast and ocean for environmentally sustainable and prudent use by current and future generations.

About Division of Boating and Waterways

Provides safe and convenient public access to California's waterways and leadership in promoting safe, enjoyable and environmentally sound recreational boating.

About California State Parks

Provides for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

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