



# THE CHANGING TIDE

April 2005

Clean Boating Online  
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In 2001, the CCBN partnered with Earth911 to design a "Clean Boating Website" and bilingual telephone hotline.



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### Clean Boating Services at California Marinas

- ⚓ Absorbent pad distribution
- ⚓ Absorbent pad disposal
- ⚓ Bilge pump-outs
- ⚓ Sewage pump-outs
- ⚓ Used marine motor oil recycling
- ⚓ Marine oil change

### Tips for Clean Boating

- ⚓ Learn easy ways to be a clean boater

### Clean Boating Suggestions

- ⚓ Preventive maintenance and proper fueling procedures can make a difference.

### Links

- ⚓ Learn about other Clean Boating programs

## CO - Carbon Monoxide

**Boaters Protect Yourself from this Silent Killer!**



Carbon monoxide can turn a fun outing deadly.

"Teak surfing" or "platform dragging," is a nationwide fad that involves pulling a person through the boat's wake while they hold onto the boat's stern. It's the latest new thing on our waterways but it's dangerous, and now it's also illegal.

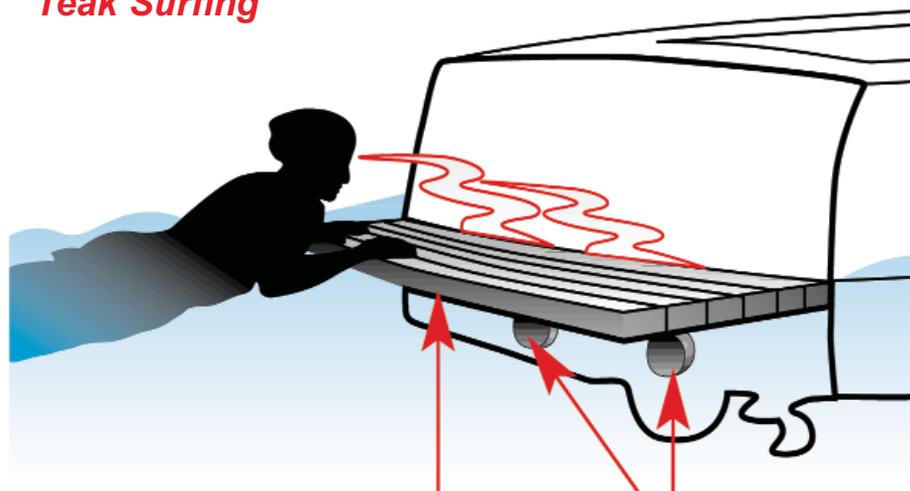
"Teak surfers are exposed to carbon monoxide from the boat's engine exhaust," said Cal Boating Director Raynor Tsuneyoshi. "It's colorless and odorless, so people don't know it's there, but they can lose consciousness in seconds and die."

Between 1990 and 2004, 571 boating-related carbon monoxide (CO) poisonings were reported nationwide, including 113 deaths. Forty-three poisonings occurred in California. Because CO poisoning is only recently receiving attention, it is likely that many other deaths that have been attributed to drowning or heart attack may have been caused by CO.

Effective January 1, 2005, California law prohibits boat operators from running the engine while someone is teak surfing or body surfing behind the vessel or on the swim step or swim ladder where they are exposed to boat exhaust containing carbon monoxide.

### "Teak Surfing"

*Continued on back*



Swim Platform Exhaust Ports



California Coastal Commission

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## What's So Special About the Delta?

### Water Provision

The Sacramento & San Joaquin Delta is a valuable water resource and contributes approximately 42 percent of the natural water runoff in CA. More than 22 million Californians receive part of their drinking water from state and/or federal water project facilities located in the southern Delta. The Delta also supplies water to irrigate more than seven million acres of farmland.



In 2001 the Contra Costa County Watershed Program (CWP), apart of the County Public Works Department, was awarded a Proposition 13 grant to enhance & protect Delta water quality from non-point source pollution. The County is partnering with five pilot marinas on a marina & recreational boating program, *"Keep the Delta Clean, You Play In It, You Drink It Too!"* The focus of the program is to highlight and improve access to environmental services in the Delta such as sewage pump-out facilities, port-a-potty dump stations, restrooms, recycling facilities and places to safely dispose of used oil, filters & absorbent pads.

### Recreational Atmosphere

The Delta provides a relaxing retreat from the bustling Bay Area and Sacramento Basin. The Delta's landscape offers many recreational opportunities, some of the most popular are boating, fishing, skiing, swimming and bird watching.

The Delta counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo) have approximately 170, 400 registered boats. There is a diverse array of marinas, more than 145 total, serving the boating public in the Delta.



Delta marinas range in size from 10 to more than 250 in-water berths and provide a variety of services including launching facilities, fuel docks, restaurants, convenient stores, camping or over-night lodging, boat rentals, swimming areas, dry storage slots for jet skis, fish cleaning stations and environmental services.



Sugar Barge Marina

### Biodiversity

The San Francisco Bay-Sacramento & San Joaquin Delta system is the largest estuary on the West Coast. Topography varies from agricultural fields close to 10 feet below sea level up to Mt. Diablo, elevation 3,849 ft. Five fault lines underlie the region. Soils are serpentine, clay in the Valley regions, and fertile peat among the Delta islands.

The Delta is home to many types of wildlife. Native and migratory bird species flourish in the Delta drawing bird-watchers from around the state. Additionally, the Delta attracts fishermen due to the 22 species of fish found there, such as sturgeon, striped bass, black bass, crappie, salmon, and catfish. There are also 53 other wildlife species in the Delta, including the endangered Suisun Marsh mouse and San Joaquin kit fox.



Great Egret by Allan Warner

# News from the Delta Chapter



## Alien Invaders

Unfortunately, the Delta has become ideal habitat for non-native plant and animal invaders. The Asian clam, Chinese mitten crab, Yellow Starthistle, Artichoke thistle, water hyacinth, Hydrilla, tamarisk tree, and English ivy are all unwanted guests here. Invasives out-compete native species, clog waterways, and can alter the ecosystem.



## Hot Delta News

### Free Boater Kits

**What:** Contra Costa County, California Coastal Commission staff and volunteer Dockwalkers will distribute 10,000 FREE boater kits in the Delta. The kit is a large tote bag filled with promotional items and informative brochures, including a ski flag, visor, lip balm on a leash, drink koozie, 2005 Tidebooks, the new Delta map, Clean Boating Habits, and more. The kit will feature the program's spokesman, "Stanley the Striped Bass".



**Who:** All boat owners are welcome to receive a kit after completing a brief boater survey. This survey will help to identify gaps in environmental services and better target future boater education efforts.

**When:** The 2005 and 2006 boating seasons. The Program target launch date is Memorial Day Weekend, 2005.

**Where:** The boater kits will be distributed at boat shows, fishing derbies, poker runs, fairs, and other special events.

## Jones Tract Flood

On June 3, 2004 Jones Tract flooded after a levee break washed away nearly 400 feet of a levee along Middle River on the island's west side. Since the island's peat soil has subsided over the last century, the island's fields are located below sea level and are easily flooded. In that one day the flood displaced 300 farmers, residents and farm workers. A massive flood-water pumpout project was issued to reclaim the land and was successfully completed on December 18, 2004.



A submerged home in Jones Tract

## New Delta Map

Last summer (2004) Contra Costa County and the California Coastal Commission administered a Marina Operator Survey to more than 75 marinas in the Delta to gather information about marina characteristics and boater services. The survey information is currently being used to develop the colorful new "Sacramento - San Joaquin Recreational Boating Map" focusing on promoting local marinas, environmental services and certified used oil collection centers. The maps will be available at selected marinas and distributed in Delta boater kits.

## Great Delta Resources

Check out The Delta Scuttlebutt (<http://archive.mail-list.com/calif-delta/msg00025.html>) and Delta Chamber (<http://www.californiadelta.org/events.htm>) webpages to learn more about Delta history, events and information.

### Where the Heck is Brisbane Marina?

The City of Brisbane Marina was born on November 1983 to a gutsy little city of only a few thousand people. *Brisbane Marina* is the first marina south of San Francisco and is located just minutes from downtown San Francisco by vehicle and just 8 miles by boat from the Bay Bridge and Central Bay waters. It boasts 580 berths with boats ranging in size from 28' to 120'. The average size ranges between 36' and 50'.



The marina has been a well-hidden treasure at Sierra Point and many of the hundreds of thousands of daily commuters that pass by the exit on nearby Highway 101 do not know it exists. Those who have discovered the marina as a home for their boat find a well protected, clean, beautifully landscaped and modern facility open seven days a week with a friendly and helpful staff eager to respond to a variety of needs.

The relaxing Marina Green, a long span of lawn, runs the length of the marina along the Bay Trail that separates the Green from the Marina, and has picnic areas and BBQ grills for all to enjoy. The Marina Green has been host to large birthday parties, company picnics, car shows and weddings.

Non-boaters from the nearby offices often eat lunch at the picnic areas or have informal gatherings. It's a great place to people-watch—with a stream of joggers, bicyclists, walkers and skaters going by.

Both boaters and non-boaters alike appreciate the marina's ambience and notice right away how clean it is. Maintenance staff patrols the land and docks on a daily basis to assure that nothing gets in the water and to fish out which does. A newly purchased electric utility vehicle assists them in this task, noise and

air-pollution free.

Boater services include a 24-hour vacuum driven 3 year old pump-a-head, free oil absorbent pads, oil and filter recycling, haz mat and battery dropoff. The marina also provides 7 day a week on-the-water boat assistance during normal business hours for tenants who need a tow, run out of fuel or require other assistance as needed, at no extra charge. Recycling and refuse containers are conveniently placed at all of the dock gates and are emptied regularly. The boaters also enjoy private restrooms and showers, and there are public restrooms as well. Additional new boaters-only restrooms, showers and a laundry facility are planned for later this year.

In addition to enjoying the clean marina and facilities, both boaters and visitors can check out the casual Sierra Point Yacht Club or stroll to nearby Xebec's Restaurant in the Radisson Hotel.

Brisbane Marina is host to the free Memorial Day Nautical Flea Market, held on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, as well as the ever growing Marina Festival to be held this year on Sunday, October 23, from 10am-4pm.

The Marina Festival boasts a Lion's Club benefit 5k and 10k fun run/walk, live music, food and exhibit booths, kids activities, car show, boat tours and boat rides in the marina. The California Clean Boating Network was an enthusiastic participant last year and the marina hopes to have them back this year. It's a fun day for everyone in a beautiful setting. In addition, the Sierra Point Yacht Club and the Marina host a community Giants night.

Brisbane Marina is more than just a place to park boats—there is something for everyone, but it is a pretty nice place for a boat, too.

For more information about **Brisbane Marina** visit [www.ci.brisbane.ca.us](http://www.ci.brisbane.ca.us), or call (650) 583-6975.



## Boater Education at Work in Napa, Sonoma and Solano Counties



Outreach at Caple Cove, Lake Berryessa

C2: Alternative Services is a Santa Rosa-based consulting firm that specializes in environmental education and outreach. Partners Connie Cloak and Chris Carrieri believe that the most effective way to induce behavior change is through one-on-one outreach, similar to the California Coastal Commission's Dockwalkers Program. "When someone takes the time to engage you in conversation, ask you questions, offer you information and even give you gifts, it catches your attention," Chris points out. "And if that person then looks you in the eye and asks you to commit to taking action, chances are you are going to do it."

This strategy is at the heart of "community based social marketing," and its efficacy is backed by hard research. (For more information, check out [www.cbsm.com](http://www.cbsm.com)) C2: Alternative Services staff have interacted with more than 3,000 boaters over the past four years in Sonoma County, Napa County and the City of Vallejo, providing bilge absorbent pads and explaining to boaters how to use and dispose of them.

"Our working hypothesis has always been that most boaters are not familiar with the use of bilge absorbents, but will use them if they are provided," said

Connie. "And the data over the years seems to confirm that."



For example, boater survey results in the City of Vallejo changed strikingly over two summers of outreach. In 2003, 88% of boaters surveyed at the municipal boat ramp there had never used bilge absorbents. In 2004, the number had dropped to 41%.

At Lake Berryessa, the numbers improved less dramatically. "We think that there are just so many boaters that even after three years we were approaching most of them for the first time," said Connie. "The good news is that virtually every boater we've ever approached has agreed to use a bilge absorbent."

The challenge is to get across the information about how to dispose of it—which may happen over a year later—and how to obtain a new bilge pad when it's needed.

To address this issue, Napa County has used California Integrated Waste Management Board funding to construct colorful signage reminding boaters about bilge pad disposal cans and free vending boxes for fresh absorbents located at each of seven area marinas.



Lake Berryessa, Berryessa Marina

For more information about this program contact Connie Cloak and Chris Carrieri at (707) 568-3783. For more information about the Dockwalkers Program contact Vivian Matuk (415) 904-6905 or visit [www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html)

## TOPIC IDEAS?

If you have ideas for article topics for our next Northern California insert, please contact Vivian Matuk at [vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov) or call (415) 904-6905



## SAN MATEO, SANTA CRUZ, MONTEREY, SAN LUIS OBISPO & SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES

### SOS to Assist Local Harbors with Oil Recycling Improvements

Due to cost savings achieved under its current Non-profit Oil Grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), Save Our Shores (SOS) has funds to improve oil collection facilities at three local harbors. Boaters at these Central Coast harbors – Pillar Point, Monterey, and Santa Cruz – will benefit from new equipment and improved access to oil recycling tanks and bilge pump-out facilities.

The improvement projects were chosen based on studies that Save Our Shores conducted earlier in the grant term. Two studies assessed the design, operation and use of the bilge pump-outs and oil-water separators in local harbors and surveyed the harbors' mitigation and source control programs for managing stormwater (see *The Changing Tide*, December 2004).

With the recommendations contained in these reports, and through discussions with Waste Board and harbor staff, Save Our Shores identified the following three projects:

**Pillar Point Harbor:** SOS will provide “seed money” to begin preliminary engineering that will move the harbor's 500-gallon used oil pump-out station from its current location above harbor waters to a more secure landside location. Relocating the facilities will

ensure that the recycling operations do not themselves pose a potential pollution threat.

**Santa Cruz Harbor:** SOS will assist with upgrading the harbor's aged and frequently disabled bilge pump-out and oil-water separator facility. The eight-year old system is in need of an electrical overhaul to make it a more convenient and reliable resource for local boaters.

**Monterey Harbor:** SOS will provide funds to repair and improve the primary oil recycling station. The roof of the facility will be replaced to better protect the equipment from heavy rains. An extended berm around the station will also prevent stormwater runoff from getting into the facility and potentially leaching oil into the nearby parking lot or harbor. In addition, SOS applied for funds from the CIWMB's next grant cycle to improve the harbor's bilge pump-out and oil-water separator system, which, like the system at Santa Cruz Harbor, is currently in need of repair.

The staff at Save Our Shores is grateful for the CIWMB's flexibility in allowing them to pursue these very important infrastructure improvements.

#### Waste Management Board Sponsors Annual Used Oil Conference

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), in coordination with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), will co-sponsor this year's Used Oil Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Conference at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego. The conference will be held April 26 - 29, 2005.

The annual conference provides a great opportunity for public agencies, private businesses, and non-profit organizations to learn about emerging issues in the world of hazardous waste management. Presenters will offer the latest information on new waste streams such as “e” waste, “u” waste, and pharmaceuticals. Those who manage harbor collection facilities or sponsor one-day collection events will particularly benefit from discussions about used oil recycling trends, tips on reaching your target audience, and information about new waste management services and technologies. Participants will also get a chance to interact with their peers and share firsthand information on what works and what doesn't work for particular programs.

The theme for this year's conference is “Building Hope for Healthy Communities: One Action at a Time.” If you are interested in attending the event, please visit [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/events/AnnualConf/2005](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/events/AnnualConf/2005). You can also call (800) 858-7743 for more information.



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Call 1-800-CLEANUP for more information.

## SAN MATEO, SANTA CRUZ, MONTEREY, SAN LUIS OBISPO & SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES

### Swimmers to Cross the Channel Once Again!

**B**uilding upon its highly successful Channel Swim last year, the Community Environmental Council (CEC) will once again host a swimming fundraiser in the Santa Barbara Channel. This year's second annual event takes place **June 18 & 19**. Participating swimmers and kayakers will be part of a large relay team that will traverse the Channel from Santa Cruz Island to Santa Barbara's shore (a distance of roughly 26 miles).

All along the way, participants will help raise funds to support CEC's water quality protection programs, including its Clean Boating Program. At the Santa Barbara Harbor, CEC's pollution prevention activities include provision of oil and filter recycling facilities, establishment of a bilge pump-out service, and coordination of an absorbent pad exchange program. CEC is also actively involved with education and outreach. Staff provides free "boater kits" and sets up informational tables to answer ques-

tions about the harbor's clean boating opportunities.

This year's Santa Barbara Channel Swim features a unique opportunity for local boaters to get involved. A "flotilla party" will accompany the swimmers during segments of their journey to cheer them on and provide motivation. Boaters will be encouraged to invite their

friends along in return for a suggested donation. In this way, boaters can directly support CEC's Clean Boating Program. The ocean will be filled with people dedicated to protecting it!

If you'd like to participate in this exciting and important event, as a boater, swimmer, kayaker or sponsor, please visit CEC's Channel Swim website at [www.SBChannelSwim.org](http://www.SBChannelSwim.org)

or call (805) 963-0583 ext. 113. You can also e-mail Antara Blasius, event coordinator, at [antara@cecmail.org](mailto:antara@cecmail.org).



#### Channel Swim 2005

**When:** Sat. June 18  
& Sun. June 19

**Where:** Vessels depart from Santa Barbara Harbor at 9pm on June 18. Landing party at Leadbetter Beach, 6pm on June 19

**Why:** To promote a clean ocean that is free of harmful pollutants like used oil!

**How:** Contact CEC at (805) 963-0583 ext.113 or visit [www.SBChannelSwim.org](http://www.SBChannelSwim.org)



**S**pring is here, and it's time to clean! As you start going through your belongings, you may find some things that you no longer need - old fishing gear, extra parts, or miscellaneous tools. Rather than throw them away, take them to Santa Barbara Harbor's Nautical Swap Meet. The swap meet will take place on **Saturday, April 30, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the parking lot near Marina 3.**

Even if you don't have anything to get rid of, there may be something you need. Join your fellow boaters and see what treasures they may have. Perhaps you'll strike a deal or work out a trade. Vendor spots are only \$10. You can register at the Waterfront Department Business Office. For more information about the swap meet, contact Mick Kronman with the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department at (805) 897-2587.

If you have ideas for article topics or would like to list an event in this newsletter, please contact Leslie Robinson at [leslie@cecmail.org](mailto:leslie@cecmail.org) or call (805) 963-0583 ext. 105.

## California Youth Authority Director Honors

# *Marina del Rey Youth Sailing Program*

The Fairwind Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program received the "2004-2005 Distinguished Program Award for Delinquency Prevention" by California Youth Authority Director Walter Allen III at the recent 56th Annual California Juvenile Officers Association Conference in Sacramento. The presentation took place on March 10, 2005 at the Doubletree Hotel in the state capitol. The theme of this year's conference was "Threats in Schools and Communities: Awareness, Prevention and



Training."

"It is a pleasure to recognize and honor this outstanding collaborative Sailing Program with a 2004-05 Distinguished Program Award for delinquency prevention," said California Youth Authority Director Walt Allen at the ceremony. "My congratulations to the Marina Del Rey Station of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, the Fairwind Yacht Club, and the Boys and Girls Club of Venice for devel-

oping this innovative program to introduce disadvantaged children to the world of sailing. This program encourages confidence, teamwork, and an appreciation for the sea. The lessons these children learn in this environment are positively impacting their lives today and, hopefully, the values they learn will benefit the community for years to come."

The Junior Sailing Program is in its third year. It is sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, the Marina del Rey Sheriff Station and the Fairwind Yacht Club. The Sheriff Station provides background screening, equipment storage and, as personnel are available, officers to assist in the program. The Boys and Girls Club provides enrollment and transportation. Fairwind volunteers provide sailing instruction and maintenance. The program has financial support from the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation and many private donors.

The Junior Sailing Program focuses on developing positive leadership for 'at risk' youth. The program also offers a summer sailing day camp experience for 50 kids. During the colder months the program offers an after-school sailing program.

"The youth sailing program has made us all feel proud," said Marina del Rey Sheriff Captain



Sam Dacus.

"The kids and the parents LOVE the program," commented Armando Diaz of the Boys and Girls Club. "If only we had the resources we could run the program every day of the week and still have a waiting list."

"This program has been a dream come true for Fairwind," said Fairwind Commodore Dave Lumian. "We are thrilled to be involved with influencing young kids lives by turning them on to



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# Southern California Chapter *Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Ventura & San Bernardino Counties*

## USCGA - *Marine Safety Sea Partners*



One of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's missions is to "educate the public on their role in maintaining our delicate aquatic environment." This year's new Marine Safety officer, Rachel Fain, promotes this mission by running the Marine Safety Sea Partners Program, an environmental education program of the United States Coast Guard.

Sea Partners work to provide public education pamphlets and posters to the boating community, participate in community outreach events, coordinate guest speakers to interested groups, and ensure an

integration of marine environmental education into traditional USCGA Boating Skills and Safety classes.

### **Sea Partners Campaign teach:**

- ⚓ Non-boaters the effect of urban stormwater runoff on ecosystems.
- ⚓ The many options that marina operators have for the proper handling and disposal and recycling of used oil and household hazardous waste.
- ⚓ To contact specialists immediately for remediation of aquatic nuisance species and for marine rescue efforts.

If you are interested in scheduling a USCGA speaker or have any questions about the Marine Safety Sea Partners Programs, please contact your local Coast Guard location.

Come meet USCGA members at:

### **The SEA Lab Earth Day Fair** **April 30th**

1021 North Harbor Drive  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
310-318-7458

[www.lacorps.org](http://www.lacorps.org)

click on "SEA Lab."

## The Annual Used Oil Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Training and Conference:

presented by:

*The California Integrated Waste Management Board Used Oil Conference and  
Department of Toxic Substance Control*

### **Topics:**

- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste
- ◆ Oil and Filter Curbside Collection
- ◆ Outreach with Community-Based Social Marketing and Interagency Cooperatives
- ◆ How To Keep Your Program Viable Through Program Evaluation
- ◆ Managing Your Certified Collection Centers

- ◆ Technical Issues:  
Pharmaceuticals, Pesticides,  
U Waste, E Waste, and Storm  
Water
- ◆ Who and Where are the DIYers:  
At Home? Marinas?

**Dates:** April 26-29, 2005

**Where:**  
Bahia Resort Hotel  
998 West Mission Bay Drive  
San Diego, CA

### **Who Should Attend:**

- ◆ Local agencies and organizations
- ◆ City municipalities
- ◆ Regulatory groups
- ◆ Environmental leaders and non-profit groups
- ◆ Recycling coordinators
- ◆ Contractors
- ◆ Suppliers
- ◆ Consultants and trainers

register at: [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Events/AnnualConf/2005/](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Events/AnnualConf/2005/)

## CO - Carbon Monoxide

The Anthony Farr and Stacey Beckett Boating Safety Act of 2004, authored by Assemblyman Paul Koretz and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger, imposes a fine of up to \$100 on anyone who operates a vessel's engine while a person is holding on to the swim platform, swim ladder, or swim step. The law provides exceptions for briefly assisting with the docking or departure, exiting or entering the vessel, or engaging in law enforcement or emergency rescue activities.

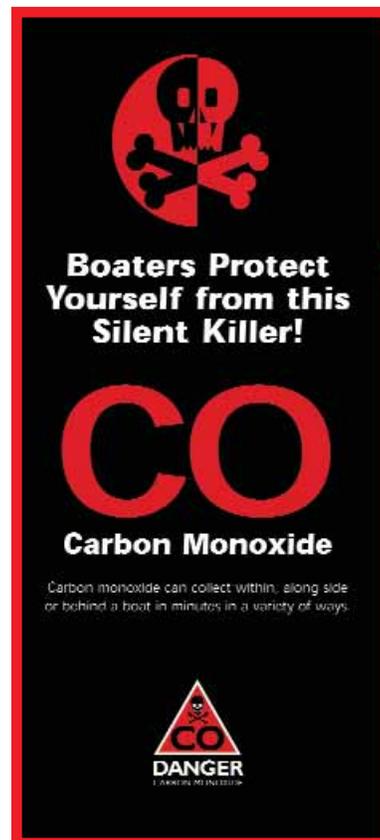
Beginning May 1, the law will also require boat dealers and boat sellers to place state-approved warning decals at the helm and transom. Boat owners will receive decals with their boat registration.

The symptoms of CO poisoning may include severe headache, dizziness, nausea, fainting and death. The symptoms can be similar to the effects of intoxication or too much sun, though, and most victims don't recognize the danger. If CO poisoning is suspected, get the victim fresh air immediately and seek medical care.

### How can you protect yourself?

Do not swim or wade alongside or behind a boat while the engine or generator is running, do not idle for long periods of time, and buy a marine CO detector for the cabin.

For a pamphlet on the dangers of carbon monoxide and a warning decal, visit [www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov) or call (888) 326-2822.



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