DOCKWALKER

You Can Protect Our Waterways by Becoming a Dockwalker

Who are DOCKWALKERS?

Dockwalkers are volunteers who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These volunteers distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events.

How Do Dockwalkers Help?

The efforts of Dockwalkers increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality. There are over 600 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 90,000 boater kits since 2000.

How Do I Become a DOCKWALKER?

People interested in becoming Dockwalkers are required to attend a FREE 1.5 hour training class. During the class participants learn about potential sources of boat pollution and their impact, environmental regulations for boaters, and clean boating practices that prevent pollution from boating. In addition, the training provides information on how to conduct Dockwalking and an overview of the educational materials Dockwalkers will distribute including the boater kits. Age range is 15 years and up. The program can document community service hours. Contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905; vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or visit www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com to register for a class.

What Is a Boater Kit?

The boater kit is an educational tool for boaters. Items include: a pocketbook of tide tables, Division of Boating and Waterways pamphlets (*ABC's of the California Boating Law and Clean Boating Habits*), oil absorbent pillow with reusable zip tie and instructions, and more. Depending on your region, we may also provide the Delta Clean Boating map and/or the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map and the new edition of the Southern California Boater's Guide. Boaters can receive a boater kit after completing a brief boater questionnaire/pledge. This questionnaire will help to identify gaps in environmental services and better target future boater education efforts.

How Can I Order the Boater Kits?

After the class we will be mailing you some boater kits. If you are a very active Dockwalker and need more boater kits, please contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905 or vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov.

What is a Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge?

All boaters who receive a boater kit must complete a brief and anonymous Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/statewide_boating_survey.pdf. The information is used to improve the Program, better understand boater behavior and identify gaps in terms of safe and clean boating education and services.

What is the West Marine Jacket Contest?

In recognition of the good work and dedication of our clean boating Dockwalkers, West Marine will be donating three gorgeous jackets to the Dockwalker program for the top three Dockwalkers who return the most number of completed boaters questionnaire. Dockwalkers will be asked to collect their boater questionnaires and return them after finishing their Dockwalking activities. *There will be other great awards for active Dockwalkers!*

How US Power Squadrons Benefit from Becoming Dockwalkers?

The Dockwalker program is consistent with the US Power Squadrons mission of making boating safer and more enjoyable. Becoming a Dockwalker will provide you with educational resources for the safety classes, vessel examinations, boat shows and other public events and presentations. This program will support your current efforts, enhancing and broadening your boating safety mission.

For more information about the program and training schedule, please contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905, **vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov** or visit www.BoatingCleanandGreencom

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