

29 March 2016 email

Dear Northern CA US Coast Guard Auxiliary Members:

The **California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW's)** and the **California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean & Green Program**, the **Bay Foundation (DBW's Clean Vessel Act program)** and the **Keep the Delta Clean Program** in partnership with, the **US Coast Guard Auxiliary**, the **US Power Squadrons** and the **Lake Berryessa Partnership** will conduct more **Dockwalker trainings this year. *If you are already a trained Dockwalker and were trained more than 3 years ago, please join us this year for a refresher class.***

Dockwalkers are trained to engage members of the public and the boating community to adopt clean boating practices. Dockwalkers share clean boating information with boaters and distribute educational materials while visiting marinas, launch ramps, marine supply stores, boat shows and special events (i.e. regattas, opening days, among others). As you realize, "Dockwalker" is only a generic term because you do not necessarily have to "walk the docks" in order to talk to boaters about safety and clean boating practices. *Remember safety and the environment go hand in hand.*

The benefits the Dockwalker program will provide to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary include (also attached):

- The Dockwalker program is consistent with **the Coast Guard marine environmental pollution message and fulfills your commitment to carry out the mandate of the Commandant of the Coast Guard.**
- The Dockwalker program **complements the USCGAUX Vessel Examination program, supports Public Affairs/Public Education events,**
- The Dockwalker program **counts towards the annual Marine Safety service requirement for the TRIDENT program.**
- **Hours of Dockwalking may count towards earning the Aux Recreational Boating Safety Insignia.**

Training is **FREE** and Dockwalking is a fantastic way to interact with boaters to help keep California's marinas, waterways, and ocean clean and healthy. The training provides an overview of environmentally-sound boating practices, information about how to conduct Dockwalking, and educational materials that Dockwalkers will distribute including the **2016 boater kits (attached photo)**. **These boater kits** include; A Boater's Guide to Keeping Pollutants Out of the Water; Oil Absorbent Pillow to capture oil leaks and drips; a variety of informative Clean and Safe Boating Resources including the "Environmental Boating Laws Every Recreational Boater Should Know," the ABC's of Boating Law, among others. Depending on your region, we may also provide the Delta Clean Boating map and the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map. **This year we are also including a fuel bib.**

Upcoming Trainings *(attached please find our Northern CA regional flier)*

Tuesday, April 19 - Petaluma

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Petaluma Yacht Club

10 C St, Petaluma, CA 94952

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Friday, April 29 - Vacaville

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Solano County Water Agency (Lake Berryessa Room)

810 Vaca Valley Pkwy #203, Vacaville, CA 95688

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#).

Tuesday , May 3 - San Rafael

7 pm to 9 pm

Loch Lomond Yacht Club

95 Loch Lomond Dr, San Rafael, CA

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#)

Saturday, May 7 – Sacramento

10:45 am to 12:45 pm

Sacramento Marina

2710 Ramp Way, Sacramento, CA

Download the flyer/registration form in [PDF](#)

We hope you can join us at a training and become a volunteer Dockwalker!

Please help us spread the word about the upcoming trainings. Forward this email to your colleagues and people who might be interested in our program. You can also include this information in your newsletters, calendars and bulletin boards. *If you want us to send you some copies of our flyers, please let us know.*

To register for a training or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vivian Matuk at [\(415\) 904-6905](tel:4159046905) or vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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