

DOCKWALKER

NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2016

Thank you for your help and support conducting face-to-face clean boating education (Dockwalking). **We are making a big difference in the health of our waters!**

Dockwalkers have visited over **70 events and locations**, collected more than **1,500 boater questionnaires** and **donated over 752 hours** since March this year!

Remember...

Dockwalking (conducting face-to-face education) can be done anywhere. You do not necessarily have to walk the docks.

Our target audience are current California boat owners.



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Tips for Successful Dockwalking

- **Location:** go where boaters will be! Launch ramps, fuel docks, marina docks, fishing and boating events, and marine supply stores. *Be sure to engage any local marine business operators to give them a heads up on your Dockwalking activity.*
- **Audience:** know your audience, pick the right time and place.
- **Comprehend:** do your homework, review your training folder and the handout included in each box of boater kits.
- **Intrigue:** show the oil absorbent pillow and fuel bib to the boater first.
- **Educate:** This is EDUCATION, not enforcement.
- **Discuss:** ask questions to generate discussion and judge the attention span of the listener.

Stephanie Gomez at the San Diego Green Boating Expo-
Photo: Port of San Diego



Photo: Linda Tcimpidis



Recap: Program Expectations

- 1.) **Educate, educate and educate!** Always conduct face-to-face boater education when talking to boaters by going over the main clean boating information you learned during the training class and by responsibly distributing the boater kits.
- 2.) **Distribute the boater kits in a responsible way!** Ensure that kits are used in a manner consistent with the Program by focusing on the primary messages that are targeted by materials in the kit and by the program itself. Do not distribute the kits without conducting face-to-face education.
- 3.) **Conduct and Collect the Boater Survey before releasing the Boater Kit!**

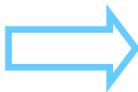
Out of Boater Kits?

Contact:

- Vivian Matuk at vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov if you are located in Northern California
- Victoria Gambale at vgambale@santamonicabay.org if you are located in Southern California.

- 4.) **Send in your completed 2016 Boater Questionnaires!** The deadline to return completed surveys is October 24th, 2016. Either mail them to the address found on the back of the questionnaire, fax them to (415) 904-52166, OR scan and email them to vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov.

The 3 Dockwalkers who submit the most surveys will win a West Marine Jacket! Plus, additional awards will be given to other active Dockwalkers.



Share your efforts with us!

Your Dockwalking experience is extremely valuable to us, so please share your efforts with us!

All photos in this newsletter were graciously donated by Dockwalkers. *Submit your photos for a chance to make it into our next newsletter and social media!*

Dockwalkers in Action

To date, **Save Our Shores** (*Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties*) has held 10 Dockwalker events, collected 141 boater surveys, and reached 307 boaters total.

Peter W. Kyryl II (*USCG Auxiliary, Santa Cruz County*) conducted Dockwalking activities in Santa Cruz Harbor and during an Area Committee meeting with some state and local government representatives.

Jim Minkel (*USCG Auxiliary, Solano County*) Dockwalked at the Vallejo Yacht Club, Delta, Glen Cove and Benicia marinas with over 108 boaters.

Bryan Plante (*Esprit Marina, Los Angeles County*) shares clean boating tips with his marina tenants.

Matt Miller in Moss Landing Harbor.
Photo: Save Our Shores



Photo: Ronald Hecker, USCG Auxiliary

Tanya Weiner (*USCG Auxiliary and US Power Squadron, San Diego County*) has Dockwalked at National City Pier 32 Marina and Chula Vista Yacht Club.

Robert Naquin (*Bay Yachts, San Joaquin County*) shared clean boating tips with 68 boaters, on opening day at Stockton Yacht Club's Safety Day. He also Dockwalked at Village West and Discovery Bay Yacht Clubs.

Gary Peterson (*USCG Auxiliary, San Diego County*) combines Vessel Safety Check with Dockwalking activities in San Diego.

Ronald Hecker (*USCG Auxiliary, Los Angeles County*) talked to Fairwinds Yacht Club members while conducting Vessel Safety Checks.

Jim Goff (*USCG Auxiliary, Sacramento County*) combined USCG Auxiliary activities with Dockwalking at the Sacramento West Marine store and Sacramento Marina.

Connie Valenzuela (*Driscoll Mission Bay, San Diego County*) Dockwalks at her marina.

Karyn Baron (*Riverbank Marina, Sacramento County*) also Dockwalks at her marina.



Photo: Jim Goff, USCG Auxiliary



Joseph Pifko (*Los Angeles County*) conducted a clean boating presentation at LA Yacht Club.

Richard A. Sperling (*USCG Auxiliary, Solano County*) shared clean boating practices at the Pittsburg Yacht Club's opening Day on the Delta.

Debra and Jim Haas (*USCG Auxiliary, Orange County*) combined USCG Auxiliary duties with Dockwalking at Huntington Beach Marina.

Photo: Joseph Pifko

Lake Berryessa Partnership interns (*Napa County*) Dockwalk around the lake and have shared clean boating information with over 300 boaters since the beginning of May.

Angie Montalvo (*CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento County*) educated boaters at Lake of The Pines and the Lower American River.

Bruce & Linda Hess (*Sacramento County*) have been having a great time talking to boaters in the delta and Folsom Lake.



Solano County Water Agency's boater outreach intern, Matt Banicki, talking to a boater at Lake Berryessa. Photo: Solano County Water Agency



Dockwalker Mary Susan Peterman at the National Safe Boating event in Sausalito. Photo: Vivian Matuk (DBW/CCC)

Janet Hand (*Rio Vista Boating Program, Solano County*) has received positive comments after Dockwalking at the Municipal Dock and Sandy Beach boat launch ramp.

Rick Huffman (*USPS, San Joaquin County*) shared safe and clean boating messages, combining his USPS efforts with Dockwalking, at the Costa Bass N Fly Tournament in Stockton.

Tim Harden (*CA State Parks, San Bernardino County*) conducted clean boating face-to-face education at Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area.

Dick Daybell (*US Power Squadron, Los Angeles and Orange County*) distributed clean Boater Kits at the Shoreline Yacht Club and during USPS safety classes.

Doug Sherman (*USPS, San Joaquin County*) combined his USPS ABC Boating Class in Stockton with Dockwalker education.

Tom Erwin (*Boater, Sacramento County*) shared clean boating information with his fellow boaters at his Delta marina and after taking the USCG Auxiliary Safe Boating class.

Mary Susan Peterman and **Cari Gerlach** set up a Dockwalker booth during National Safe Boating week at Sausalito Coast Guard Island's event. Volunteers shared clean boating information with thirty boaters.

Mike Fiamingo (*USCG Auxiliary, Santa Clara County*) distributed Boater Kits and conducted face-to-face education in Morro Bay during the Morro Bay Safe Boating Expo.

Maggie Herbelin (*US Coast Guard Auxiliary & Humboldt Baykeepers, Humboldt County*) has been sharing clean boating information at the Eureka and Woodley Island Marinas and at boating safety classes.

Boating Clean and Green Program, San Francisco Estuary Partnership staff and volunteers (**Doug Beckstein, Karen Scott, Roger Bezeley, Tommy Holtzman, Gail Giacomini** (USCG Auxiliary) **Larry White** (boater) **Lu Abel, Rick and Chris Huffman** (US Power Squadron), and **Winston Bumpus** (Sequoia Yacht Club and Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association) attended the Strictly Sail Boat Show April 7-10. Volunteers talked to over 260 boaters and donated a total of 70 hours.

Diane Grieman (San Jose Sailing Club, Santa Clara County) shared clean boating information and boater kits with her fellow club members .

Charlie Duncan (USCG Auxiliary, Shasta County) participated in the Redding and Shasta Boat Shows where he shared clean and safe boating practices with over 250 boaters.

Elijah Benson and **Ariel Schoonover** (USCG Auxiliary, Sacramento County) participated in the NorCal Recreation Show in Auburn, CA. Boaters were extremely happy with the clean and safe boating information and kits provided by Elijah and Ariel.



Dockwalkers Winston Bumpus educating boaters at the Strictly Sail Boat Show in Richmond. Photo: Vivian Matuk



Elijah Benson, USCG Auxiliary

David Naumann (*USCG Auxiliary, Santa Clara County*), in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week, talked to boaters about clean and safe boating practices at Lake Anderson in Morgan Hill.

Olivia White and David Jackson (*Sequoia Yacht Club, San Mateo County*) Dockwalked during the Club's Earth Day.



Photo: Sequoia Yacht Club



Photo: Marina del Rey Yacht Sales

Carly Saltzman (*Marina Del Rey Yacht Sales and CA Yacht Club, Los Angeles County*) conducted a clean boating seminar at Marina Del Rey Yacht Sales, motivating boaters to implement clean boating.

Tom and Linda Tcimpidis (*USCG Auxiliary*), **Anne Sacks** (*Recreational Boaters of California*), **Mel Widawski** (*Boater*), **Barbara Wasserman** (*USCG Auxiliary*), **Lowell Safier** (*USCG Auxiliary*), and **Debbie Wasserman** (*Del Rey Yacht Club*) collected 118 surveys while Dockwalking at the Los Angeles Boat Show.

Stephanie Gomez (*volunteer*), **Edmond Waters** (*USCG Auxiliary*), and **Jon Horton** (*City of San Diego*) shared clean boating information with 39 boaters at the San Diego Green Boating Expo.

Tom and Linda Tcimpidis (*USCG Auxiliary*), **Stephanie Gomez** (*volunteer*), **Louis Baskin** (*Adopt-a-Park*), and **Richard Layne** (*volunteer*) Dockwalked at King Harbor's Sea Fair and collected 47 surveys.

Tanya Weimer, Shawn Goit, and other members of the *San Diego Power Squadron* dockwalked at the San Diego International Boat Show.

Tom and Linda Tcimpidis (*USCG Auxiliary*), **Anne Sacks** (*Recreational Boaters of California*), and **Mel and Barbara Widawski** (*boaters*) Dockwalked at Marina Fest in Marina del Rey and collected 109 surveys.



Photo: Port of San Diego



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Thank you for all that you do for clean boating education and improving the health of our waters!