DOCKWALKER

You Can Protect Our Waterways by Becoming a Dockwalker

Who are DOCKWALKERS?

Dockwalkers are partners who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These partners distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events. This training is valid for *3 years. Anyone from 15 to 100 years young and interested in water quality and sharing clean boating information (regardless of your background) can become a Dockwalker!*

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 700 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 100,000 boater kits since 2000.

How Do I Become a DOCKWALKER and What Does the Free Training Class Cover?

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 http://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*), 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. 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 Dockwalker Contest?

In recognition of the good work and dedication of our clean boating Dockwalkers, the top Dockwalkers who return the most number of completed boaters questionnaire will be honored with great awards donated to our partners and will join the ranks in the Dockwalker Hall of Fame. Dockwalkers will be asked to collect their boater questionnaires and return them after finishing their Dockwalking activities.

How US Coast Guard Auxiliary Benefit from Becoming Dockwalkers?

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, and counts towards the annual Marine Safety service requirement for the TRIDENT program (Form 7030, Mission Code 70N; Remarks: Dockwalking). Hours of Dockwalking may count towards earning the Aux Recreational Boating Safety Insignia (Form 7030, Mission Code 10J; Remarks: Dockwalking).**

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

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