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Below is a list of publications covering access information to California's recreational waterways, boating rules and safety, and well as environmentally safe boating practices.

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**Some of these publications require Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them properly.*

- [2010 ADA Standards Excerpts for Recreational Boating Facilities](#)
The California Department of Boating and Waterways (**DBW**) prepared this booklet to address the **2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 ADA Standards)** that apply to recreational boating facilities. Designed and written to be of value in the planning, funding, design, construction and maintenance of accessible recreational boating facilities, the booklet will be of particular value to inform and assist planners, engineers, architects, designers, contractors, state and local government officials, marina owners and operators, and the recreational boating community statewide. The **2010 ADA Standards** are applicable in both the public and private sectors.
 - [Cover, Intro and TOC - 2010 ADA Standards Excerpts for Recreational Boating Facilities](#)
 - [Part A - 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design](#)
 - [Part B - 2010 ADA Standards Text, Exceptions, Advisories, References, Cross References & Comments for Clarification Regarding Recreational Boating Facilities](#)
- [ABCs of California Boating](#)
Explains state boating laws and regulations for equipment, rules of the road, vessel operation, accident reporting, and aids to navigation. Includes an accident report form and float plan (*in English or Spanish*).
- **Aquatic Invasive Species**
 - [Boat Cleaning Guide Book](#)
 - [Hydrilla, Boater Alert](#)
Explains what hydrilla is and tells boaters how they can avoid spreading this aquatic pest from one waterway to another.
 - [Quagga / Mussel Card](#)
 - [Quagga / Mussel Card \(Spanish\)](#)
 - [Quagga / Mussel Poster](#)

- **[Boating Instruction Centers](#)**
- **Clean Boating**
 - [Clean Boating Habits](#)
 - [Clean Boating Posters](#)

These clean boating posters address topics such as fueling, sewage, boat cleaning and maintenance, oil and hazardous waste and trash and marine debris management. The posters promote clean boating practices to ensure that safe and clean boating is part of the boaters' experience enjoying California waterways.
 - [Clean Vessel Act](#)

Explains requirements and laws regarding the Clean Vessel Act.
 - [Environmental Boating Laws Every Recreational Boater Should Know](#)

This brochure contains information on Environmental Boating Laws for fuel and oil, sewage, dispersants, hazardous waste, plastic and marine debris. Every recreational boater should ensure that clean boating is part of their experience of enjoying California waterways.
 - [Federal Marine Sanitation Device Regulations](#)

Describes Federal regulations and includes a list of no discharge areas in California.
 - [San Francisco Clean Boating Map](#)

Produced by the City and County of San Francisco Department of the Environment, the California Department of Boating and Waterways, and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean & Green Program.
- **Consumer Protection**
 - [How to Buy a Used Boat](#)

The pleasant way to purchase your pleasure craft.
 - [State Water Project Recreation Facilities](#)

Contains information about many of the State Water Project recreational facilities in California, including amenity listings, contact information, and location. For more information on this publication please contact the Department of Water Resources at (800) 272-8869 or write to DWR, Publications Unit, 1416 9th Street, Room #338, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- **Fundamentals of Boating**
 - [ABCs of California Boating](#)

Explains state boating laws and regulations for equipment, rules of the road, vessel operation, accident reporting, and aids to navigation. Includes an accident report form and float plan (*in English or Spanish*).
 - [Boat Launching Facilities - Design Handbook](#)
 - [Boating and Alcohol](#)

Explains the effects of alcohol when combined with the stresses of boating. Includes an alcohol consumption and blood-alcohol chart (*in English or Spanish*).

- [Carbon Monoxide](#)
Includes required decals.
Boaters: Protect Yourself from this silent Killer!
- [Carbon Monoxide: Stay Out of the Carbon Monoxide Zone!](#)
Comic book which educates school-age children about marine carbon monoxide.
- [Classes](#)
California boating safety class gives the who, what, where, when, why and how of boating safety classes.
- [Course](#)
California boating safety course is a 60-page workbook you can study at home at your own pace. Covers state and federal laws, rules of the road, and much more. Take the optional 50-question test and send it to us for your official certificate of completion.
- [Drowning Prevention Checklist](#)
Offers pool and spa owners a checklist of pointers to help prevent child drownings (*in English or Spanish*).
- [Fire Extinguishers](#)
Describes the various types of Coast Guard-approved extinguishers for motor boats and the laws regarding them.
- [Hunters and Anglers](#)
Recommends safety precautions for people who use small boats to hunt and fish.
- [Lakes and Reservoirs](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [Life Jackets and the Law](#)
Describes the various types of lifesaving devices, and the number and types required to be carried on board.
- [Maintenance Checklist](#)
This 17-page booklet will help those who conduct boat cleaning, repair, and maintenance activities outside of a boat repair facility to identify ways to prevent pollutants from entering California waterways.
- [Marine Security](#)
Provides tips on protecting your boat and gear from theft.
- [Paddle Craft](#)
Covers the required equipment and recommended safety practices for using canoes, kayaks, and inflatable rafts.
- [Personal Watercraft \(PWC\)](#)
Contains information on boating safety classes, required and recommended equipment, the rules of the road, registration, and restrictions on speed, noise and age (*in English or Spanish*).
- [Personal Water Craft Online Safety Course](#)
Offers tips on how to operate PWC's in a safe and legal manner.

- [Quiet Boating For Everyone](#)
Provides information on the state's motorboat noise laws, and how to be a quiet boater.
- [Safety Card](#)
Boating safety card illustrates the rules of the road, the California Waterway Marking system, weather advisories, and recognized distress signals, on a 5" by 8" card.
- [Safety Rules for Boating Sticker](#)
Displays the rules of the road on a self-adhesive sticker.
- [Towing Sports](#)
Covers the legal requirements, restrictions and safety practices for towing sports.
- [Towing Tips for Trailer Sailors](#)
Explains the proper use and maintenance of a recreational boat trailer.
- [Windsurfing](#)
Offers safety and weather flag advice, as well as a hypothermia chart.

- **Laws**
 - [2012 California Boating Law](#)
Contains the boating laws and regulations of the State of California including excerpts from the Harbors and Navigation, Corporations, Education, Fish and Game, Government, Health and Safety, Penal, Public Resources, Vehicle, and Water Codes, the California Code of Regulations and the Federal Inland Navigation Rules as they relate to boating. All changes through January 2012 are included.
 - [ABCs of California Boating](#)
Explains state boating laws and regulations for equipment, rules of the road, vessel operation, accident reporting, and aids to navigation. Includes an accident report form and float plan (*in English or Spanish*).
 - [Boating Under the Influence Information Card](#)
Lists legal penalties for boating under the influence.
 - [Environmental Boating Laws Every Recreational Boater Should Know](#)
This brochure contains information on Environmental Boating Laws for fuel and oil, sewage, dispersants, hazardous waste, plastic and marine debris. Every recreational boater should ensure that clean boating is part of their experience of enjoying California waterways.
 - [Marine Pollution Laws](#)
Covers state and federal laws governing the disposal of plastic debris and other garbage in the ocean, marine sanitation, and the use of anti-fouling paint.
 - [Vessel Repair Law](#)

- **[Marina Berthing Facilities - Design Guidelines](#)**
DBW just published the 2005 edition of this invaluable resource for marina planners and designers. It provides technical assistance in the development of California public marinas.

- **Map & Guides**
 - **[American River \(North and Middle Forks\) – Boating Trail Guide](#)**
Covers the North Fork from Iowa Hill Bridge to Lake Clementine and the Middle Fork from Oxbow Put-In to Mammoth Bar. Includes a map and white water class system chart.
 - **[American River \(South Fork\) – Boating Trail Guide](#)**
Features a public access map of the South Fork. Includes information of the history, plant life, and local regulations of the area.
 - **[American River Parkway – Boating Trail Guide](#)**
Includes safety hints and a map for paddling the lower American River from Nimbus Dam to the Sacramento River.
 - **[Chart Agents List](#)**
Lists agents authorized to sell nautical charts and related National Ocean Service publications.
 - **[Colorado River](#)**
Safe Boating Hints Series
 - **[Colorado River \(Blythe to Imperial Dam\)](#)**
Boating Trail Guide – Features 11 maps.
 - **[Colorado River \(Davis Dam to Parker Dam\)](#)**
Boating Trail Guide – Features 5 maps.
 - **[Colorado River, Tri-State Boating Safety Guide](#)**
Provides information on the boating laws in Arizona, California and Nevada as well as recommended boating safety practices for the Colorado River.
 - **[Delta](#)**
Safe Boating Hints Series
 - **[Delta Boaters' Pumpout and Map Guide](#)**
A map with the locations of pumpouts throughout the Delta. Includes information about clean boating including equipment, practices and legal requirements.
 - **[Delta Map for Recreational Boating](#)**
The purpose of this map is to help boaters and the general public conveniently find environmental services within the central and southern areas of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta (Delta).
 - **[Kern River, A Boating Trail Guide to the](#)**
Includes a map of the river and information and safety, logistics, camping and more.
 - **[Lake Tahoe](#)**
Boating Safety and Environmental Hints

- [Merced River, A Boating Trail Guide to the](#)
Features a map of the Merced River Canyon. Includes information on the history, wildlife, and fishing and fire regulations of the area.
- [Monterey – SLO – Santa Barbara](#), Vessel Pumpout Locator Card.
Maps show the location of vessel sewage pumpout facilities and pumpout stations.
- [Morro Bay](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [MSD's: Shipshape Sanitation, MSD's and Pumpouts](#)
Explains the laws regarding vessel sewage discharge, and the importance of proper disposal.
- [Northern Coast](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [Sacramento River](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [Sacramento River Bend Map and Guide](#)
- [Sacramento River \(Redding to Red Bluff\)](#)
Boating Trail Guide - Includes a map, and information on the history and wildlife of the area.
- [Sacramento River \(Woodson Bridge to Colusa\)](#)
Boating Trail Guide – Features a map with a chart that predicts your rafting trip time according to the river flow in cubic-feet per second.
- [Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Recreational Boating Map](#)
Produced by Keep the Delta Clean with the California Department of Boating and Waterways, and the California Coastal Commission.
- [Salton Sea](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [San Francisco Bay](#)
Includes historical and safety information, including information on the U.S. Coast Guard's vessel traffic Routing system and precautionary zone; weather; safety equipment; what to do when you need assistance; and more.
- [San Francisco Bay Boaters' Pumpout and Map Guide](#)
A map with locations of pumpouts throughout the San Francisco Bay. Includes information about clean boating including equipment, practices and legal requirements.
- [Shipshape Sanitation, MSD's and Pumpouts](#)
Explains the laws regarding vessel sewage discharge, and the importance of proper disposal.
- [Smith River - Boating Trail Guide](#)
Covers all the navigable waters of this Wild and Scenic river to the ocean.
- [Southern Coast](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [Tomales Bay](#)
Safe Boating Hints Series
- [Trinity River, A Boating Trail Guide to the](#)

- [Tuolumne River – Boating Trail Guide](#)
Covers the Tuolumne from Don Pedro Dam to Yosemite National Park.
- **Teachers & Kids**
 - [AquaSMART Activity book for Kids](#)
24-page coloring-and-activities book on water and boating safety (*in English or Spanish*).
 - **AquaSMART Lessons**
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 1 - Learn to Swim!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 2 - Wear a Life Jacket!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 3 - Learn to Float!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 4 - Learn to Rescue Safely!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 5 - Look Before You Leap!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 6 - Don't Overload Your Boat!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 7 - Stay With Your Boat!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 8 - Learn the Boating Rules of the Road!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 9 - Alcohol, Drugs and Boating Don't Mix!](#)
 - [AquaSMART - Lesson 10 - Keep our Waterways Clean!](#)
 - **Posters**
 - [Get Into It](#)
 - [Life Jacket Loan Station](#)
 - [Ride Safe, Ride Smart](#)
 - [Safe Boating is Big Fun!](#)
 - [Use Care When Fueling Your Boat](#)
 - [Choose Less Toxic Cleaning and Maintenance Products](#)
 - [Practice Preventative Engine Maintenance and Use Oil Absorbents](#)
 - [Use Pumpouts and Dump Stations](#)
 - [Bring All Your Trash Back to Shore](#)
- **Miscellaneous**
 - **Publications From Other Agencies**
Homeland Security And The Boaters Role [English](#) - [Español](#)
- [Vessel Turn-In Program \(VTIP\) Brochure](#)