



Vessel Turn-In Program

VTIP

IS YOUR BOAT AN ANCHOR? TURN IT IN THROUGH THE VTIP!

The Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) is a program created to help boat owners surrender their unwanted recreational boats to a local participating VTIP agency, free of charge. This helpful and proactive program is administered by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), and grants are awarded annually to qualified local public agencies statewide. Commercial vessels are not covered under this program.



Help keep at-risk, aging vessels from continuing to be a problem and burden on the people and environment of California. Surrender your unwanted vessel through the VTIP.

Why does the VTIP exist?

The VTIP is an option to help boat owners properly dispose of unwanted vessels, and to reduce the number of aging and abandoned boats in California.

For a boat owner, getting rid of a boat that has little or no monetary value is not easy. Often, the cost of disposal is more than the boat is worth. Because of this difficulty some owners will sell their boats for next to nothing, give them away, or—in the worst cases—abandon them. When a boat is abandoned it becomes a potential danger to the public and the environment, and a very expensive problem for taxpayers to bear.

How does the VTIP work?

Step One: The boat owner contacts a local participating agency and applies for the VTIP. The current list of these agencies can be found online at www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/VTIP.

Step Two: If the request is accepted by the VTIP agency, further information and instructions will be provided regarding ownership verification and boat surrender. If the owner is unable to deliver the boat, the agency may make arrangements for pick-up— even from the water.

Step Three: Surrender the boat and walk away. It's that easy!

What will it cost?

- If your application is accepted, disposal is free.
- You must be the registered owner, and title must be free and clear of any loan balances, liens, and/or taxes.
- Some VTIP agencies may require that all hazardous material be removed before they will accept the vessel. Since it is illegal to throw hazardous waste in the trash, some helpful resources for proper disposal of these wastes can be found at:
 - www.earth911.org
 - Call (800) CLEANUP (800-253-2687)
 - www.BoatingCleanAndGreen.com (under Boaters and Anglers/Clean Boating/Hazardous Wastes)

Note: There is no reimbursement to the boat owner for costs incurred in removing hazardous materials.

What if I just walk away from my boat?

Under California law any owner found guilty of abandoning a vessel shall be fined \$1,000 to \$3000, and may be ordered to pay any additional costs for the removal and disposal of the vessel to the removing agency.

Abandoning a boat is one of the worst things a boat owner can do to get rid of an unwanted boat. When a boat is abandoned the detrimental effects can be immediate, and may have serious consequences to:

- Public safety
- Water quality
- Environment and sensitive habitats
- Navigation
- Local businesses
- Marinas and waterway residences
- Structures and other features
- Resources of state and local governments

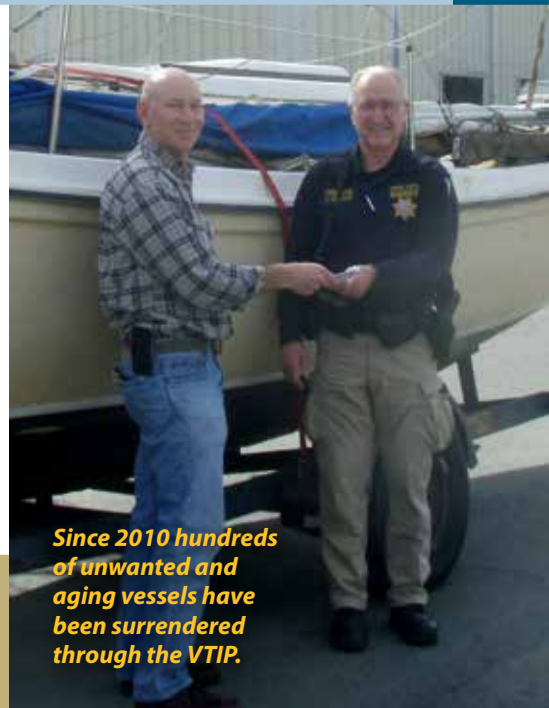
Proper vessel disposal is a vital part of clean and responsible boating, and if it's your boat it's your responsibility.

What should you do with your unwanted vessel?

If you have a recreational boat that you no longer want, the free, easy and safe Vessel Turn-In Program may be the solution. Contact a local public agency for more information and to apply for the VTIP. The current list of these agencies can be found online at www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/VTIP.

It is also possible to take an unwanted vessel to a landfill site for disposal. Contact your local transfer station or landfill agency for further information regarding acceptance, costs, and hazardous waste restrictions. If you are required to remove hazardous materials before disposing the vessel, check the resources cited in this brochure for locations to properly dispose of these materials and/or fluids.

Never abandon or sink a vessel to dispose of it. Not only does it create public, navigational, environmental and safety hazards on our state's waterways, but it is illegal with fines of \$1,000 to \$3,000, plus the costs of removal and disposal!



Since 2010 hundreds of unwanted and aging vessels have been surrendered through the VTIP.



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