

California Boating Clean and Green Program
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The California Boating Clean and Green Program supports DBW's mission of providing safe and convenient public access to California's waterways and leadership in promoting safe, enjoyable and environmentally sound recreational boating. The program serves approximately 8,000-10,000 boaters and water enthusiasts on an annual basis.

Some program activities and accomplishments for 2018 include:

- Distributing 8,000 clean boater kits that are designed to provide boaters with knowledge and tools to reduce their environmental impact and include information on clean boating practices as well as three pollution prevention tools: an oil only absorbent pillow, an oil absorbent sheet and a fuel bib. The kits are distributed by partner Dockwalkers and staff. In 2018, staff and Program partners re-designed the boater kit and created an oil absorbent sheet envelope that serves both functions of holding the kit content and providing an additional oil absorbent.
- Conducting 13 Dockwalker trainings at various locations throughout the state and training 150 partner Dockwalkers. Dockwalkers donated over 2,000 hours to the program conducting face-to-face education.
- Conducting seven educational workshops about aquatic invasive species prevention and oil spill response communication attended by over 100 people.
- Expanding the California Fishing Line Recycling Program from 243 stations in 2017 to 271 stations in 2018 that resulted in the recycling of 1,672 pounds of fishing line.
- Conducting 7 clean boating seminars at yacht clubs and attended 2 boat shows reaching out to over 1200 boaters.
- Increasing boater involvement in the annual statewide Coastal Cleanup Day event working with 69 boating facilities involving 1,849 volunteers, who cleaned 131.27 miles and collected 11,654 pounds of trash and recyclables on land and from 233 vessels.
- Expanding a new statewide education tool: The Online Clean Boating Quiz. Total quiz completions in 2018 was 9,781 responses, three times the original goal of a minimum of 3,000 completions. The goal of this tool is to increase awareness of clean boating practices. The quiz challenged recreational boat owners to test their clean and green knowledge about preventive practices related to oil, fuel, hazardous waste, sewage and marine debris. In addition, the Program wanted to use this educational tool to reach out to those boaters not reached at boat shows, boating events or through the help of the partner Dockwalkers.
- BC&GP staff also manages the DBW Clean Vessel Education and Outreach Program grantees.

BC&GP serves as a statewide point of contact for clean boating education and technical assistance. A key facet of the BC&G is partnerships with marinas and other marine businesses, boating associations, environmental nonprofit groups and government agencies.