



San Diego Bay Boater's Guide



*A guide to safe and environmentally friendly
boating on San Diego Bay*



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Preserve and Protect Our San Diego Bay



San Diego Bay is filled with wildlife that depend on the Bay's natural resources to survive. The Bay has the largest contiguous mudflat in Southern California and is the site of the Sweetwater Marsh and South San Diego Bay Refuge.

Keeping the Bay clean, safe and healthy is important for the native and visiting wildlife as well as for our community. By following these environmentally friendly boating practices, together we can preserve and protect our beautiful San Diego Bay.

Wildlife Friendly Boating Practices

Respect our Wildlife



Light-Footed Clapper Rail

More than 100 species of fish and marine mammals and hundreds of other marine organisms feed, grow and reproduce in the waters of San Diego Bay and along the shoreline. Nearly 300 different bird species use the salt marsh

areas and mudflats to feed, roost and nest. The Bay supports eight federal and state listed endangered or threatened species.



Leopard Shark

Animal Rescue Information

For animal rescue information, contact Project Wildlife at (619) 225-9202. For stranded marine mammals and sea turtles, call the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center at (858) 546-7162.

Keep your boating environment clean and minimize environmental impacts by using these tips:



Double Crested Cormorant

Do not Pollute

Sewage Pollution

- Store sewage in holding tanks and dispose regularly at pump-out stations. *See map for pump-out locations.*
- Use onshore restrooms when docked.
- Remember, sewage may NOT be discharged in the Bay.

Bilge Water and Grey Water

- Before pumping the bilge, check for traces of oil or fuel. If any is present, use an absorbent pad or other dry clean-up method to remove it.
- Keep an oil absorbent pad in your bilge to prevent an accidental discharge of oil and other contaminants.
- Grey water (galley, bath and shower water) containing phosphates, solvents, grease or other non-biodegradable chemicals may not be discharged into the Bay.

Practice Safe Fueling

- Do not top off fuel tanks.
- If a fuel nozzle does not have automatic shutoff, hold the nozzle by hand and keep a rag around the opening to prevent spills or splash.
- Install a whistle in the fuel line to signal when the fuel tank is full.
- In case of a spill, use dry clean-up methods such as oil absorbent pads. Do not use straw, soap or detergents.
- Fuel only at fuel stations. Transferring fuel in marinas is prohibited.

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California Least Tern and Chick

Engine and Topside Maintenance

- Check with the marina manager to determine what type of maintenance projects are allowed in the slip. Large maintenance projects should always be done at a boat yard.
- Regularly inspect and fix small leaks. Inspect lines and hoses for deterioration and prevent lines from chafing.
- Use drip pans or secondary containment when painting, sanding or varnishing.

Boat Cleaning and Maintenance

- Use non-toxic hull paint when possible.
- Use water when cleaning the inside or outside of your boat. Use a biodegradable and phosphate free soap.
- Dispose of soapy and rinse water in a sanitary sewer.

Hazardous Waste

- Properly dispose of hazardous waste materials such as oil, waste fuel, solvents and paints.
- Recycle wastes whenever possible. *See map for waste disposal information.*
- When fishing, remember to retrieve and dispose of all fishing line. Animals such as the Green Sea Turtle can ingest or become entangled in the line.
- Dispose of your trash in the proper trash receptacle.



Longbilled Curlew

Cruise Carefully

Many migratory birds rest in large flocks in the open water areas on the Bay. Please do not approach these flocks as they are easily disturbed. Fleeing costs them energy that they need to successfully complete their migrations.



Sea Lion

Cruise carefully near marshes and mudflats. Birds such as Black Necked Stilts and Great Blue Herons

forage for food in marshes. Endangered birds, like the Light-footed Clapper Rail and the Belding's Savannah Sparrow nest in marsh vegetation and may be disturbed by high boat traffic and wakes.

Observe all posted speed limits. All of the South Bay south of Sweetwater Channel is a 5 mph no wake zone due to the abundance of wildlife [SPUPD Code 4.30 (C)].

Thank you for doing your part to protect our Bay.



Boating Directory

Anchorage Information

Recreational/commercial anchorages . (619) 686-6227
Recreational vessel mooring buoys . . (619) 291-0916
Transient slips at Shelter Island (619) 686-6227

Anchorage

A1 La Playa Cove
A1-c Shelter Island Roadstead
A2 America's Cup Harbor
A3 Laurel Street Roadstead
A4 Bay Bridge Roadstead
A5 Glorietta Bay
A6 Naval Amphibious Base
A7 Crown Cove Anchorage
A8 Sweetwater/South Bay Anchorage
A9 Cruiser Anchorage

Launch Ramps (no fee to use launch ramps)

- 1 2200 Shelter Island Drive 24 hours
- 2 Foot of Tidelands Avenue. Sunrise – 9:00 p.m.
- 3 Foot of Marina Parkway. Sunrise – Sunset
- 4 Stand Way & SR-75, 24 hours

Fishing Piers

- 1 Shelter Island
- 2 Embarcadero Marina Park South
- 3 Crosby Park
- 4 Pepper Park
- 5 Chula Vista Bayside Park

Fuel Docks

- 1 Pearson's Fuel Dock (619) 222-7084
- 2 High Seas Fuel Dock. (619) 523-2980
- 3 Harbor Island West Fuel Dock . . . (619) 291-6443

Pump-out Facilities

- 1 Harbor Police Dock and Transient Vessel Dock. (619) 686-6277
- 2 Pearson's Fuel Dock (619) 222-7084
- 3 Driscoll's Wharf (619) 222-4930
- 4 Harbor Island West Fuel Dock . . . (619) 291-6443
- 5 Sheraton Harbor Island Marina . . (619) 692-2249
- 6 Sunroad Resort Marina (619) 574-0736
- 7 Laurel Street Moorings. (619) 725-6099
- 8 San Diego Marriot Marina (619) 230-8955
- 9 National City Launch Ramp (619) 686-6277

- 10 Chula Vista Marina (619) 691-1860
- 11 California Yacht Marina (619) 422-2595
- 12 Chula Vista Launch Ramp (619) 725-6099
- 13 Loews Crown Isle Marina (619) 575-7245
- 14 Fiddler's Cove Marina (619) 522-8680
- 15 Glorietta Bay Marina (619) 435-5203

Boat Yards

- 1 Shelter Island Boat Yards (6)
Driscoll Customs Boats. (619) 226-2500
Eichenlaub Marine. (619) 222-0297
Kettenberg Marine. (619) 221-6930
Koehler Kraft Co.. (619) 222-9051
Nielsen Beaumont Marine, Inc.. (619) 222-4255
Shelter Island Boat Yard (619) 222-0481
- 2 National City Boat Yards (2)
Knight & Carver Yacht
Center and Repair Yard (619) 336-4141
Ortiz & Allds Sandblasting
and Painting (619) 477-3645
- 3 South Bay Boat Yard (619) 427-6767

Military Zones

San Diego Bay is the homeport of the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet. The boomed perimeters around Navy vessels are off limits to non-military personnel. Please avoid these areas and keep your distance from military vessels underway. Contact the U.S. Coast Guard at (619) 278-7262 for additional information.



Harbor Police Mooring /

Harbormaster Office / Customs

1401 Shelter Island Drive (619) 686-6272

www.sdhp.org

- The placement of mooring buoys in San Diego Bay is by written consent of the Port of San Diego. All anchoring permits, moorings and transient slip rentals must be requested from the Harbor Police.
- A vessel entering San Diego Bay as its first point of call from an international voyage must report to U.S. Customs. Recreational vessels, including corporate yachts less than 130 feet in length may clear U.S. Customs at the Shelter Island Harbor Police Dock.



U.S. Coast Guard

2710 North Harbor Drive (619) 278-7262

Courtesy Vessel Inspection Information

Coast Guard Auxiliary

<http://sandiegocgaux.org/safetychecks.htm>

Vessel Assist

Dispatch center (800) 399-1921

Membership information (800) 367-8222

Sea Tow (800) 973-2869

Report a spill or discharge into San Diego Bay

Coast Guard (619) 295-3121

Harbor Police (619) 686-6272

Waste Disposal

Ask a marina manager for disposal locations or call the
County Hazardous Material Dutys Specialist (619) 338-2231

This map is for reference only. It is not to scale and should not be used for
navigational purposes.

For further information on navigation charts, please visit the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website at <http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov>

For information about attractions, entertainment, restaurants, parks and recreation on
San Diego Bay—The Big Bay—visit our website at thebigbay.com

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