

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail 2013 Survey: Site Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

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Introduction

We would greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete this survey. It should take you no more than ## minutes to complete.

We are seeking insights from persons with disabilities, whose direct experience and knowledge will help us plan for increased accessibility of landing and launching sites around the San Francisco Bay Area.

If you are completing this survey for another person (boater) with disabilities, please respond from the perspective of that person.

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail) is a growing network of landing and launching sites for persons using non-motorized small boats.

Part 1: BOATING

1. Do you have, or are you answering on behalf of another person with, one or more of the following types of disabilities that may affect participation in non-motorized small boat (NMSB) recreation? (Choose one or choose "d" to list more than one.)
 - a. Yes – mobility
 - b. Yes – vision
 - c. Yes – hearing
 - d. Yes – other (please specify) _____
 - e. No
 - f. I prefer not to answer

2. What type of NMSB do you most often use? (Rank order the top two or fewer, with "1" being the most used)
 - a. Canoe
 - b. Dragon boat
 - c. Kayak
 - d. Kite board
 - e. Outrigger canoe
 - f. Rowboat/Dinghy
 - g. Scull
 - h. Stand up paddleboard
 - i. Windsurf board
 - j. Whaleboat
 - k. Other (please specify) _____

3. Are you a member of any boating clubs or organizations?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - 3a. If yes, which one(s)?
 - i. Bair Island Aquatic Center
 - ii. Bay Area Sea Kayakers
 - iii. Cal Sailing Club
 - iv. California Dragon Boat Association
 - v. He'e Nalu Outrigger Canoe Club
 - vi. Hui Wa'a Outrigger Canoe Club
 - vii. North Bay Rowing Club
 - viii. Northern California Outrigger Canoe Club
 - ix. O Kalani Outrigger Canoe Club
 - x. Petaluma Paddlers
 - xi. San Francisco Boardsailing Association
 - xii. St. Francis Yacht Club
 - xiii. Tamalpais Outrigger Canoe Club
 - xiv. Western Sea Kayakers
 - xv. Western Waters Canoe Club
 - xvi. Other (please specify) _____

4. How do you usually go boating?
 - a. Alone
 - b. With a small, informal group
 - c. With an outing organized by a boat club
 - d. With a hired guide

5. Do you own your own craft?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

6. Do you use on-site boat storage?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No, but I would if it were available and accessible
 - c. No, and I probably would not

7. There are "Boat Valet" programs in which you pay for on-site storage and launching assistance. Would you be interested in this type of program?
 - a. Very interested
 - b. Somewhat interested
 - c. Not very interested
 - d. Not at all interested

- e. Depends on cost
 - f. Neutral / don't know
8. Are you interested in launching from one site and disembarking at another (for lunch, sightseeing, camping, etc)?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Don't know / not sure
9. Have you participated in events sponsored by the following organizations? (Check all that apply)
- a. Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC)
 - b. Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP)
 - c. Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors (BAADS)
 - d. Disabled Sports Far West
 - e. Others (specify)_____
10. Which type of accommodation would you like to use if you were to stay overnight on the Water Trail? (Check all that apply.)
- i. Camping
 - ii. Hotel or hostel
 - iii. Historic ship
 - iv. Other (please specify) _____
 - v. Don't know / not sure
 - vi. Not interested in staying overnight

Part 2: TRIP PLANNING

11. How do you get information about launching/landing sites? (Check all that apply.)
- a. Boating clubs or organizations
 - b. Friends or family
 - c. Hired guides
 - d. Online (please specify which websites)_____
 - e. On-site signage or information
 - f. Written materials
 - g. Other (please specify) _____
12. What information is most important to you when choosing a launching/landing site?
- a. Accessibility of specific site features (parking, restroom, path of travel, launch)
 - b. Boating conditions (tides, weather, wind)
 - c. Proximity to my home or office
 - d. Other (please specify) _____

13. The Water Trail website will provide information about the accessibility of each designated site on the trail. Which of the following items are the most important to include and describe? (Choose five.)
- a. Availability of accessible parking and restrooms
 - b. Availability of personnel to assist boaters
 - c. Availability of accessible boat storage
 - d. Distances: parking to launch, restrooms to parking and launch, boat drop off or rigging to launch
 - e. Amenities such as drinking fountain, telephone, BBQ, picnic tables, and benches
 - f. Dock or float description: stability, height above water (freeboard), surface, edge rails
 - g. Gangway and/or ramp characteristics: slope at low tide, cross-slope, width, length, surface, condition, railings
 - h. Path of travel: surface, slope, cross-slope, length, width
 - i. Signs: directional, font size and contrast, Braille, talking signs
 - j. Transfer system, such as "EZ Launch"
 - k. Other (please specify): _____

Part 3: SITES

14. Which three launching/landing sites do you currently use most often? (Choose from the entire list. Sites are grouped by region for your convenience only.)

East Bay

- a. Albany Beach
- b. Berkeley Marina, Small Boat Launch
- c. Doolittle Drive
- d. Emeryville City Marina
- e. Jack London Aquatic Center (JLAC)
- f. Grand Avenue Boat Ramp
- g. Jack London Square/CCK
- h. Point Emery
- i. Crown Memorial State Beach
- j. San Leandro Marina
- k. Tidewater Boating Center
- l. Barbara & Jay Vincent Park
- m. Ferry Point
- n. Martinez Marina
- o. Point Isabel Regional Shoreline
- p. Point Pinole
- q. Richmond Municipal Marina

Marin

- a. Angel Island State Park

- b. Black Point Boat Launch
- c. Bull Head Flat
- d. China Camp State Park
- e. Dunphy Park
- f. Horseshoe Cove
- g. Loch Lomond Marina
- h. Marin Rowing Association Boathouse
- i. McNear's Beach
- j. Ramillard Park
- k. Schoonmaker Point
- l. Turney Street Public Boat Ramp

North Bay

- a. Cutting's Wharf
- b. JFK Memorial Park (Kennedy Park)
- c. Belden's Landing
- d. Benicia Point Pier
- e. Suisun City Marina
- f. Mathew Turner Park
- g. West 9th Street Launching Facility
- h. Petaluma Marina
- i. Petaluma River Turning Basin

Peninsula / South Bay

- a. Brisbane Marina
- b. Coyote Point
- c. East 3rd Ave
- d. Oyster Point Marina
- e. Redwood City Municipal Marina
- f. Alviso Marina County Park
- g. Palo Alto Baylands Sail Station

San Francisco

- a. Aquatic Park
- b. Candlestick Point State Recreation Area
- c. Crissy Field
- d. India Basin Shoreline Park
- e. Islais Creek
- f. Mission Creek
- g. Pier 1.5
- h. Pier 52 Boat Launch
- i. South Beach Harbor (AKA Pier 40)
- j. Treasure Island

15. What are the primary reasons you choose these sites? (Rank order the top two, with "1" being the highest.)

- a. Accessibility features (please specify _____)
- b. Boating conditions (winds, tides, etc)
- c. Ease of getting onto the water from the site
- d. Proximity to my home and/or office
- e. Site amenities, such as restrooms, loading/unloading area, boat wash hose, etc.
- f. Views / natural surroundings
- g. Other (please specify)_____
- h. Don't know / not sure

16. What are the most common challenges/barriers you face when boating? (Choose five.)

- a. Condition or design of path of travel (steep down-slope or sideways slope (cross slope), surface not firm and stable, lack of tactile information to inform persons with visual disability, no safety curb, and so on)
- b. Lack of path of travel
- c. Distance between accessible parking and launch
- d. Dock height above water (high freeboard)
- e. Dock surface and stability
- f. Gangway surface, stability, slope, cross-slope, and handrails
- g. Unable to get boat into the water or enter boat (lack of transfer assistance)
- h. Getting to the site
- i. Restrooms not accessible (door widths; height, location, and design of various features within restroom; proper signage; and so on)
- j. Lack of readable informational signs
- k. Lack of accessible parking spots
- l. Sand, soil, rocks, or other soft or uneven surface up to the edge of the water
- m. Dock or float lacks rails or other mechanism to indicate edge
- n. Lack of trip planning information about site accessibility
- o. Wheelchair storage on dock unavailable or not secure
- p. Other (please specify)_____

17. Do you prefer docks with high freeboard (dock height above water is more than 9 inches) or low freeboard (dock or float height above water is less than 9 inches)?

- a. High freeboard
- b. Low freeboard
- c. Doesn't matter
- d. Don't know/not sure

18. Can you use concrete boat ramps to enter or exit the water with your boat or board?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't know/not sure

19. Would you use the following adaptive equipment if it were provided at a launching or landing site? (Check all that apply.)
- a. Beach wheelchair
 - b. Transfer system that provides some stability for persons as they transfer into or out of kayak-type craft from a dock or float onto the water
 - c. Overhead transfer assist
 - d. Beach mat (e.g., Mobi-Mat), boardwalk, or concrete ramp at beach
 - e. Transfer steps or platform
 - f. Water-operated chair lift [I don't actually know what this is – maybe only for pools?]
 - g. None of the above
 - h. Other (please specify) _____
 - i. Don't know/not sure

Part 4: TRANSPORTATION

20. How do you usually get to launch/landing sites?
- a. I drive my own vehicle*
 - b. As a passenger in a friend or family member's vehicle*
 - c. By public transportation
 - d. By paratransit
 - e. In a rideshare organized by a boating club
 - f. Other (please specify): _____

*20AB. Do you tow your boat with a trailer?

- a. Yes
- b. No

21. How important is it to you that a site be reachable by public transit?
- a. Very important
 - b. Somewhat important
 - c. Not very important
 - d. Not at all important
 - e. Neutral / don't know

Part V: ABOUT YOU

22. What is your age?
- a. 18 or under
 - b. 19-35
 - c. 36-50
 - d. 51-or older

23. What is your home zip code? _____

24. Would you like to be added to our general Water Trail mailing list? We send out newsletters or updates approximately six times per year.
- a. No, thank you.
 - b. Yes. My email or mailing address is: _____
25. Are you interested in being contacted for a follow-up discussion about accessibility issues?
- a. No, thank you.
 - b. Yes. My preferred contact information is: _____
26. Is there anything else you would like to add? (open-ended, character limit)
- a. No, thank you
 - b. Yes: _____

Thank you for completing this survey!