Appendix 4-3 Annotated Comments from Boat Owner Surveys

Suggested Improvements – Large Boats

Outlaw jet skis or assign specific areas for their use (and the same for the water skiers). Control boat operation to reduce wakes, interference with quiet activities. Control the water skiers.

Docking expansion.

Remove over-zealous law enforcement and coast guard auxiliary.

More and improve tie-up overnight facilities. But most important is boating safety, especially for large boats that throw out large wakes (example, Discovery Bay boats.).

More pump-out stations. Floating outhouses and more/better salvage contractors.

Put grocery stores (not mini-mart) within walking or bus distance from docking facility. Repair facility available with parts.

Cut the environmental regulations, too much of a burden for me.

Have more of them.

More presence by Coast Guard or Sheriff to control the jerks that make boating unsafe. More public facilities with tie-ups.

Services contracted out by state for private (floating) restrooms, pump-out stations, and garbage disposals.

Encourage more restaurants and re-pave the roads on Andres Island.

I think it is great the way it is.

More boat mechanics.

Development of destination boat parks for access of bay area boaters that venture into the Delta. As such trips require the better part of a week, unless they are a highly powered yacht. Reservation capability for sailboats.

Cleaner water, fewer underwater hazards.

Educate the weekend warriors. Obey the rules of the road.

Congestion is the worst problem.

More water flow to the bay.

More tie-ups near shoreline and restaurants.

More and easier access to waste pump out stations.

Ban jet skis!

Add or upgrade launching facilities/parking/restrooms. The Delta appears "lawless". Keep Southern California from diverting water needed for flushing of Delta Rivers. Keeping waterways clear of water plants, and garbage floating left over from docks and

buildings. Water quality.

More waterways space, it's too congested, crowded.

Control overcrowding and noise at night. Speed limits for bass boats and jet skis.

Reduce congestion. Charge money for launching and parking.

More public docks and destinations.

Get rid of water hyacinth and elodia grasses.

Stop building more marinas and boat docks.

Get rid of EPA.

Maintain existing depth or increase depth. Control water hyacinth.

Dredge marinas. Too many with too low of water. Clean water. *Open the locks to deep-water channel near Miller Park.* Regulation and safety. Marking the deep-water channels, dredging unlikely, but marking the channels would be a big help. Maintenance and upgrades of private dock areas. Dredging. Make sure water is deep and posted with channel markers. Build water pump out stations at each fuel dock. I am happy with the area. Depth of water. Improve water quality and the fishing. More guest clips. Let the marinas do what they feel the market requires. *I like it the wav it is. Regulate and enforce speed limits. Have specific areas for water skiing and/or speedboats.* More public launch ramps, adequate parking and marina access and restroom availability, all clean and well managed. Information on what, where, and when activities, location of resources, ramps, stores, fuel, fish with map to public docks and or transportation to make things available. *Improve quality of water for swimming. Add upscale marinas and restaurants.* More trees and scenery. Improve quality of environment and water. Buoys, markers, mapping. Docking facilities, showers, fuel (diesel). More water flow in the Delta. Less permits, etc. Friendlier government regulators, rules, etc. More free launch ramps. Clean water. *Establish speed limits on heavily transited routes.* We love the Delta. Nothing comes to mind for improvements. Only minor thing would be relaxation on drinking alcohol on the Delta. I am not concerned about facilities and services. Improvement in these areas only adds to more unqualified vessel operators. Get the hyacinth out, forget the environmentalists! *License* watercraft operators! Mandatory safety-boating courses! Clean the debris out of the channels. *Improve water quality.* Maybe more accesses for sailboats, but we do okay. Better channel markings and direction signs. Keep the water from going to Southern California. *Water quality. Water quality.* Create entire Delta into a no wake zone. Get rid of water hyacinth. Quality!

Being able to depend on facilities being available. A facility might advertise that they are open 'till 5 pm and are closed at 4:00.

Offer more restricted speed zones where boaters are anchored and swimmers are in the water. Keep the ski boats slowed down in the narrow channels.

More fresh water. Dredge waterways. Encourage restaurant/marina business. Discount gas. More nice restaurants.

Improve water quality and control of floating debris.

Keep the water clean and bring the fish back.

Improve respect of boaters to other boaters.

More patrol boats and garbage drop areas.

Clear the waterways of water hyacinth and grass that grows in shallow anchorages.

Can't think of any.

Boat in parks and beach.

Clean the place up.

Ban jet skis, no water skiing in narrow channels, very dangerous.

More signals letting boaters know their wake is up to 1200 feet behind them.

Increase fresh water flow to Retard Salinity.

Make restrooms available.

More launch facilities for small boats.

Do not over regulate use of the Delta.

Stop pumping water at the rate where it creates reverse water flows, allows salt-water intrusion and harms our fisheries (from Tracy).

Add boat-in camping and picnicking sites.

More temporary space for tie-up visits to marinas.

More cleanup of levees and anchorage area.

Figure a way to keep the wind down.

Dredge shallow sloughs.

Lower marina rates for berths. Clean river of debris, logs, stumps, etc. Don't just break them free and let them float away to become someone else's problem.

River dredging, it's getting worse and worse! More pump-outs.

As a sailor I'm somewhat limited to where I can go based on age of charts.

Free sewage pump-outs at every marina until plentiful free pump out stations are available. Boaters will continue to pump out black water in our fresh water!

Limit large marinas from expanding out into waterways as was done with Willow Berm Marina. Dredge the shallow areas.

Make anchor out buoys with wake protection pump-outs – beaches. No more 5 mph areas!

Expand all services to the boating community.

Water quality.

Clean it up.

Get rid of jet skis and/or limit areas of operation.

Remove water plants from main waterways.

Clean up water vegetation and debris.

Enforce safe boating laws!

Sell fuel for a good price.

Clean up.

Better fuel facilities; regulate jet ski and watercraft regulations, parking at launch ramps.

More law enforcement officers. Educated people to have more safety awareness of others. Not sure.

More easily accessible waste pump-out stations.

Regulate use of jet ski boats which create dangerous situations both for themselves and larger boats.

Build new and restore existing marinas.

License boat operators!

Improve camping facilities.

5 mph ("no wake") zones are becoming dangerous as they expand. "Shore-sides" should be held more responsible for self-protecting, as in most cases, the water was there first. Put signs up on sloughs like we have on our streets and this will help us know where we are.

Ban jet skiers! Give more citations for drinking and speed violations. Limit amount of boaters in high volume areas.

Dredge out the sandbars, and expand the number of slips.

Upgrade existing docks so that you don't fall through.

More police on the water to cut down on reckless boating. More education of boat owners (rules of the road).

Do more to reduce plant growth around marinas and docks.

Fewer boats or more facilities. More control over jet skis.

Water depth markers and channel markers, and signs giving directions.

<u>More</u> "resorts" with fuel, food, grocery, dining, tie-ups, over-nights, and pump-outs. Better water quality.

More sheriffs on patrol.

Need trash dumps.

Keep the ski doos out of the Delta.

Put random sandy beaches (pumped up) so as to spread out concentrations of boats in any area. Clean up the water.

Don't pump so much water to Southern California. Take care of non-domestic plant growth. It's fine the way it is.

Better docking facilities and restrooms in public parks and at marinas for larger than 14 ft boats.

More restaurants and more gas stations.

Improve and increase the number of launch ramps, especially those for larger boats.

Expand and or improve.

Water quality.

Speed limit, no wake zone. Post signs.

More law enforcement availability.

Keep the water as clean as possible.

More resorts to stay at (rooms, cabins) with cooking facilities.

Cleanliness of the water.

More bars and liquor stores.

Protect the wildlife. Do not remove any water from above Delta or Delta itself. Keep levees in good shape.

Monitoring existing facilities monthly for overall up-keep and watching for dilapidated docks, boats, and chemical discharges.

Stop wasting my tax dollars with absurd surveys.

Spray foreign aquatic plants. Free pump-outs to prevent pollution-deep water slips. Patrol waterways-not as enforcement, rather to determine navigability or floating hazards and then remove them or post warnings at all marinas (i.e. traffic reports or snow conditions). Clean up waterways and shorelines. Try to cut back on recklessness with ski doos and runabouts. *Get rid of jet skis.* Throw out the jet skis and personal watercraft. Greater use of the Sheriff time. Much more on-water patrols or patrol time. Provide tie-up or mooring sites in heavily used areas. Improve shore access for hiking/walking. Improve wildlife habitat near shore areas. 1.) Provide pump-out facilities free of charge. 2.) Get rid of the hyacinths. Clean up the water contamination. Speeding/right of way rule enforcement. Keep big boats from swamping small ones or house boats-it is a shame now. Dredge entrance to Mokelumne River from San Joaquin. Keep developers from "improving it", but instead let locals slowly evolve the area. *Leave it alone. Don't make the Delta into a sanitized theme park.* Improve anchorages. Better marks to show shallow water (example: some marks to show the entrance to the Mokelumne River from the San Joaquin.). *Provide funding for marinas to help with their upkeep and maintenance. Improve the water quality.* Access ramps for wind surfers over rocks. Improve the water quality and fishing. Regulate jet skis, PWCs, and offshore boats. High fresh water flows. Control jet skis. Deeper channels. Dredge marinas. Reduce congestion. Reduce the wind (Ha! Ha!). Assure a healthy, natural flow of water through the Delta and eliminate "foreign problems" (i.e. weeds, mussels, etc.) quickly to minimize costs and potential damage. Weeds, debris from bank fishing and regulate size and speed of racing boats. Water quality and remove jet skis. Regulation and safety. Allow the marinas and docks to spray for waterweeds to keep these areas clean for boats to pass. Ship less water to Southern California. Stop pumping water to Southern California. Beaches or places to park boats.

Water quality.

Removal of "Dead Heads".

Gas stations, pump out facilities, *ice* supplies.

Maintain and improve fishing. Stop killing fish in the water export pumps. Decrease pollution from all sources.

There are marinas (Glen Cove) that no longer provide fuel because of regulation. That needs to be changed. Create boat-in parks, day use/overnight (ski, etc). Boating launch sites easy to get to and parking. *Restrict /eliminate jet skis, and restrict water skiing.* Improve launch areas and clean shorelines. Clean water. Provide compatible electrical plug outlets with the type in marinas in the Bay Area. Making them easily accessible from major highways. Mark well or remove the big sand bar just north of Rio Vista. Clean up shore-side facilities and upgrade restaurants. Keep water clean and enforce rules. Better marinas and launches and better water. Move it closer to my home. I have almost no direct boating experience on the Delta, but hope to utilize it more fully in the immediate future. Optimal quality of boating conditions and facilities/services is in the boating public's best interest. Less police boats and Fish and Game boats. More restaurants, motels, hotels, and bars with slips so boaters can enjoy themselves. Unknown. *Improve the water quality.* No complaints. Have not been there recently enough to comment. Enforce speed and safety laws. Improve striper fishing. Remember sailboats need mast cleaner. *More pump-out stations.* A guide map. Leave the Delta to nature and clean up the man made damage and pollution. Clean up and safety. Unknown. I do not boat in the Delta. Since I have never boated there, I don't know. No experience on the Delta. Water for drinking to fill tanks. Don't know, I've never been there. Make sure Delta is navigable and safe; marinas should be clean. *Preserve the fish. Clean up the ocean.* Inform Southern California boaters. Available information. Better fish and regulation on dumping from farmlands and best damming of streams.

Suggested Improvements - Small Boats

More fish.

Clean it up! Get the crazy people out (i.e.: drunks, kids with fast boats, wild parties).

More gas stations and restaurants.

Wider launching ramps would make it easier for other boating parties.

More launch sites with greater parking, more restrooms and cleaner, and less personal watercraft.

Good public launching facilities.

Needs map for going/directions for fishing.

Do not fish in the Delta.

Clean it up.

Clean it up and regulate the drunkenness.

More information on the radio and outdoor papers.

Discontinue the development on the Delta.

Provide more information to generate an interest.

Dredging.

Enforce strict safety rules for all boaters. The only two times I was there a boat ran over our ski line, nearly missed the skier. And boats are too close to each other in the sloughs. It is far too crowded for safe boating on the weekends.

Free boat ramps.

Have more police to control unruly or drinking in the Delta.

Improve short-term transient slip and tie-ups.

Safety on the water.

Allow more private enterprises but with government oversights.

Spend a little money!

Restriction of jet skis to specific areas only.

Public information on water quality.

Put more fish in the water.

More patrol boats to stop drinking and boating.

Like it the way it is.

Maintenance, including cleanliness.

I stay at a private residence; are there enough short-term tie-ups?

Sorry, most doesn't apply to me, it's too far for me and the last time I was there the water was so dirty I put my boat in and took it out in about 15 minutes.

Clean up the banks.

Enforce speed limits, delete all speedboats, and enforce trash violations for campers!

More information about the Delta waterways.

Modernization.

More information.

More ramps.

Alternative, clean camp grounds that are suitable for boaters.

Keep the Delta water in Northern California. Keep the bay flushed and clean. Regulate high-speed wake creating vessels. The levees can't handle this and they are a serious menace to all boaters. Floating restrooms in easy to get to areas. Same for gas and etc.

Clean up the place, it's very old and rundown.

Better officer patrol. Water quality. Improve the quality of water, it's too dirty. Update current facilities. Safety! Get rid of jet skiers and huge cabin cruisers that speed! Get rid of the jet skiers or educate them! More launch ramps and parking will ease congestion. More boat patrols to crack down on boaters who violate the law. Give out more information on locations suitable for small boat recreation and fishing. Clean up the water. Boating launch sites and parking. More campgrounds, launch ramps, and floating restrooms. Regulate larger vachts, water quality and better and more supplies to facilities. Can't comment; not current. Keep waterways clean and flowing. Limit access numbers. Improve quality and number of campgrounds-both boat in and drive-up. Water quality and fish environment. 10 years ago it was fine. With boat out of commission we go to Lake Oroville or Almanor with our son or son-in-law. Bring older locations up to scale. Unknown. Get rid of waterweeds. Not enough information. More of them. *More information.* Better launching sites at this location. *Clean up the water from the pollution. Poor water quality.* More campgrounds with beach access and day use. Improve the water quality and keep sloughs clear of underwater obstacles. Two outdrives have been ruined in the Delta! Better restroom facilities and more patrol boats for dangerous jet skiing. More and safer launching sites. More restrooms please! Clean up the water. More beach and day use areas which can be reached by boat. Just warnings to small boats. Mark underwater hazards, i.e.-rocks, stumps, shallow water, with floating buoys or plastic bottles to warn boaters of danger. Bathrooms and safety/boating. *My* experience has been o.k. the way things are. Put a no wake zone at Garcia Bend launch ramp. Need more public areas where you can launch your boat, go cruising or fishing, park your self-contained RV, sleep 5 or 6 hours, go fishing some more and not have to load your boat and drive 10 or 15 miles to find a parking lot to park for 5 to 6 hours. To sleep without paying \$15 or \$20. That is the reason I do most of my fishing in other areas.

Public launch ramps at more sites.

Keep the restroom facilities clean, and make access to fuel and reasonable for personal watercraft. Make easy access to items needed for picnicking.

Keep the water, do not export.

Better launch ramps.

Marinas and camping together-over night boat parking.

Improve the water quality.

Stock fish in the slough.

Add more and add some entertainment events. Improve fishing.

Clean up debris from the waterways.

More pump-out stations. Portable bathrooms on Spud Island.

Boater education, i.e. "rules of the road".

Increase the amount of day use access to the water (i.e. beaches such as at Windmill Cove). While Tower Park is nice, there is no water access to swim, change boat personnel, etc.

Leave it alone please.

Better bathrooms at the Marinas.

Clean water.

Clean up area around the water (i.e. trash).

Enforce the laws!

Information on launching access, costs, and directions. RV facilities, costs, and pump-out stations for RVs. More fuel sites.

Improve fishing and the rest will follow naturally!

More access sites so you don't have to drive on the water so far, less boat congestion in major waterways. Build more basic facilities, i.e. restrooms, campgrounds, and picnic areas!

Quality of fuel.

1.) Control the poaching of game fish! 2.) Clean the congestion of public launch ramps of P.W.C., i.e. once they launch move off of the ramp (Antioch)!

Increase the number of public low cost launch ramps.

More restaurants, lounges, etc. built on the water.

The only thing I would like to see is more patrol boats. The number of inexperienced boaters and drinking and boating is on the incline.

Stop pumping water south.

More launching sites with facilities.

Clean up the water.

1. Get jet skiers off the Delta. 2. Require bass boat tournaments to have a coordinator for PR and people management at <u>every</u> event. 3. Strictly enforce laws relating to drinking operations!

More facilities like Brannan Island and Decker Island-i.e. good quality day use areas.

Cut out government interference so people can afford to build and expand their business.

More Marinas.

Do something to eliminate the seaweed growth in many areas like Deltas, Bethel Island, and Middle River. More patrols for people who don't know how to follow boating safety. Such as intoxication, skiing too close to boats and swimmers, and driving on the wrong sides of the channels.

Leave it the way it is now.

Boater safety and pumping waste into the Delta!

Cleaner environment.

Improve water quality.

Keep launch ramps dredged! Clean it up! Some sloughs are known as one-way for safety. They're not marked and when boaters are told it's oneway they seldom pay attention. They should be marked! Add public launching facilities in areas where they don't exist. Improve water flow and quality. Too much is being pumped out of the San Joaquin especially. Safety! Too many inexperienced people own boats! Enforcement of boating laws and etiquette, and more sheriffs. Lower the price of gasoline at Marinas. Better water quality. More boat ramps, Tower Park takes forever and there's one restaurant that closes at 10:00-it's bullshit I have to go 10 miles for food. Marine patrol inspections and more facilities for boaters. Great as it is. Quit running the water south-(sea water encroachment). *More nice clean marinas with gas, food, supplies, and friendly service.* Make fish safer to eat. Add a sailing/rowing aquatic center at Lake Washington near the Port of Sacramento to teach proper and safe boating. Safety! *Clean up the water. Clean the water for there is so much stuff floating around and at the docks. Improve water quality.* 1.) More fish and game officers checking fish count. Too many people taking too many and too small of fish. 2.) Allowing more run off to keep the salt content of the water at a minimum. Repair launch tie-ups at the piers. Clean up and maintain restroom facilities. Regulate and enforce safety regulations. Parking. Restrooms. Launch facilities-more multi-launches and better parking. Fewer boats. Add restrooms, camping, and day use facilities by upgrading the marinas. *Water quality.* More gas stations and stores for food that you can boat to. There is no camping in the Walnut Grove area. User children friendly. *More restrooms and mosquito spray. Remove obstacles in the water that might damage boats. Mark low water levels for safety. Free pump-outs at all facilities to help water quality.* Making sure Lost Isles doesn't close. 1.) More police patrols to improve safety. 2.) Directional markers to find your way around. Better maps of the Delta that say where the restrooms and campgrounds are. Clean the water in the sloughs. Better ramps! Safety.

Hard to say (little, if any at all).

Fishing. Water quality.

Clean water-no pollution! Stop giving our water to Southern California.

More launching ramps.

More launch ramps in the sloughs and bays.

Maintain water quality.

Develop several family-oriented picnic/camping areas in "woodsy" settings that are clean and well maintained and accessible to boaters only: no cars or RVs. Make boating a fun recreational activity that provides facilities on shore to get the family out of the boat for several hours in a park-like setting. More day use areas for the kids and family to play.

Rebuild.

Expansion of facilities, larger facilities. Encourage existing marina to improve, expand, and clean up. Keep the water flowing. Keep the water clean for the people and fish.

Sheriff and police presence and secure parking areas-control the drunks.

Remove floating debris in spring and summer from the Sacramento River.

Locked areas opened for longer periods of time.

Not much, it's a river.

Water quality.

1.) Get rid of very high powerboats, no one needs to go 90 mph. 2.) License pilots and make all operators take the Coast Guard course.

Improve or add launch facilities.

Launch ramps and parking.

Clean and accessible campgrounds to allow easy access to the water (we sleep on our boat, our guests camp).

Reduce man-made developments.

Don't sell water-rice farmers.

More fuel facilities, and get rid of hyacinth.

We need more boat ramps on the river. The boat ramps in the Sacramento area need to be kept cleaned out, they get sanded in and need to be dredged out more often.

Quit spraying pesticides on all food crops and all the businesses quit polluting. (You know what's going on, you just won't stop it. You'd be out of a job!)

We need more places where you can beach your boat and picnic. Once you're on the water there's very few places that you can just pull over and stop-either to check your boat or to sit and eat a sandwich. Safety at all times!

Add more ramps, launch sites and retail services.

Cleaner water. Clean up the trashy marinas.

Too many people driving too fast and not knowing the right of ways.

There is a need to enforce boater safety and courtesy.

Underwater hazards could be and should be marked.

Restrict jet skis to certain areas and do not over build. Keep area pristine.

Free emergency call boxes at marinas and parks.

More sandy beaches for picnic and overnight. Dredge marinas and provide specific ramps for PWCs.

Educate people on boat operation, courtesy, and safety.

Clean them up!

Wider, paved launch ramps, more and cleaner restrooms.

Less boat congestion.

More campgrounds with launch ramps/boating facilities.

More day use/beaches/picnic areas. Only a few places to stop boat and let kids play.

Scout waterways to remove floating junk that put hole in two different boats of mine. Very scared to open up my off shore because of this.

Areas must be neat, clean, and safe.

I don't use very many facilities very often in the Delta.

Water quality.

Outlaw jet skis!

Maintenance and repairs of existing facilities.

More places like Old Sac and Garden Highway access.

Allow <u>public</u> use of public waterways. Disallow closure based on peoples' perceptions of a <u>possible</u> problem.

What bothers me most is the amount of garbage left by bank fishing people. It seems that boaters are much neater.

Get rid of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants introduced by dumping into the Delta.

Facilities-improve launch sites. Services-more police patrols.

I think the most important thing is more launching ramps and better marinas. Also the quality of fishing needs to be improved before I'll go back to the Delta (mainly striper fishing).

Reinforce jet ski rules and areas that can be used. They can get very careless and wild at times trying to jump wakes.

Upkeep and repair of existing marinas, slips, tie-ups, fuel facilities and restaurants. These areas need to be improved and expanded. Many areas very poor and run down.

Parking and launch ramps.

Clean up the floating junk and improve the quality and clarity of the water.

Add destination restaurants.

Clean.

We have been boating on the Delta for 30 years. In the last 10 years safety has become a problem (real or imagined-either way it's a worry).

Get rid of ski doos and jet skis.

Limit summer congestion and reckless boaters. Improve the water quality.

I believe good water and water clarity is the most important.

Control fishing regulations making them stricter.

Leave most of boaters alone. We don't need more enforcement out there. Don't spend more tax money for our good, <u>we don't need it!</u> Leave the boaters alone!

Better maintenance of ramps, docks, dredged estuaries.

Water.

Security of parked vehicles while boating on the Delta. Too many 5 mph zones where there does not need to be any.

More public campgrounds and facilities vs. privately owned facilities.

Signs on direction and facilities.

Stop pollution!

Suggested Improvements – Windsurfers

Restrict out-of-control jet skiers and personal watercraft. Crack down on impaired boaters drugs/alcohol. Get the water cleaned up.

Provide access to the key windsurfing sites. Keep them available and make it easy to use them. Windsurfers are generally pretty good at maintaining a "leave no trace" policy.

Keep them natural.

Slow the big boats down with their huge wakes and slow the jet skis down.

Keep up the good work.

Promote restroom use.

Replace the county park at Sherman Island.

Provide access for windsurfing.

More and easier access for windsurfers. Pay phones and ice vendors on Sherman Island. Strategically placed speed bumps on levee road to slow down traffic.

Access via parking lots and launch sites with camping nearby.

Provide family-oriented facilities in windsurfing areas (e.g. picnic areas, restrooms, etc.).

Restrooms/running water at Sherman Island windsurfing sites.

Parking with rigging area close to carry in point for windsurfing.

In my opinion, most of the Delta is run down. Clean up and fix up first, then start improvements.

Police 5 mph areas near Discovery Bay.

Sacramento County parks aren't kept up, especially the restrooms. Also jet skiers often add a poor element to the atmosphere.

Better parking and access for windsurfing on Sherman Island. Fix up the county park and promote camping.

Make them more convenient, we drive from Sherman Island to Rio Vista or Antioch for everything. Better restroom and parking at existing windsurf sites. More windsurfing sites.

More parking and windsurf rigging areas. Better bathrooms and picnic sites. Keep area rural and wild, as much as possible. We don't need hotels and restaurants outside the established towns.

There was great windsurfing access built by the Rio Vista Windsurfing Association at the tip of Sherman Island that was dismantled. With all the large and invasive facilities for boats, windsurfers whose impact is minimal, deserve some space and reasonable access between Windy Cove and the western tip of Sherman Island.

Better restrooms on Sherman Island Park.

Restrooms, clean water, and launch ramps.

Fresh and clean water, showers, camping spots, and telephones. Keep the government intervention and interference to a minimum!

Clean the porta-potties and parking!

Increase camping and sailboard access locations on Sherman Island.

Provide parking and access to the river, camping areas with restrooms and showers.

Let us park and sail on Sherman Island!

More wind-seriously, parking at sailboard launch sites.

We are sail boarders so we are different than most-Sherman Island has some problems.

Increased access: more windsurfing sites, recreation locations.

Make windsurfing launch sites bigger and safer.

Service toilets more often. June 15th-Labor day.

Safe place for children to play away from the main road on Sherman Island.

Windsurfers need more access sites like Windy Cove-most of the sailing sites are on private property and could be lost, which would completely overburden the few state sites.

Add better launch areas and camping for wind surfers. Regulate kite boarders.

Better access, parking, and restrooms.

Develop launch sites with adequate parking for windsurfing at end of Sherman Island. Improve the water quality.

Water access for windsurfing and restroom facilities, camping and day-use facilities.

Additional parking and launch sites for windsurfing.

Expand launch sites for sail boarding. Most sites are over crowded in the summer. Boat sites are along Sherman Island road.

Improve water quality.

Better access, parking, and facilities for sailboarding!

More launch sites for sailboarding.

Better access for windsurfing.

Fisherman's litter removal.

Improve windsurfing sites-better parking, improved sites-grassy (cut) rigging areas, and walks down the levees.

Bathrooms, and parking traffic.

Parking in windsurfing areas.

Improve water quality. Establish more boater support facilities, i.e. campgrounds, raft-up buoys. More day docking to access businesses.

It's a great place the way it is.

Launch, trash, and toilet facilities along Sherman Island.

More small launch areas for windsurfing (Like "The Sign" or "Power lines").

1.) If access can get into same conditions as Windy Cove that would be #1 to me. 2.) Clean up of roadway from debris more often.

Allow parking.

Campgrounds, parking and launching for windsurfing.

More wind all the time and move it closer to me.

Provide more and better parking, restrooms/showers and camping facilities for windsurfers.

More windsurfing access. Windsurfing is confined to one mine section of Sacramento river because of lack of access in other spilabe locations.

Road repair and trash pickup education.

For boating-I like it as is. For windsurfing, improved launch sites with parking and restrooms.

Restrooms, toilets, showers (kind that you could rinse off in) exterior, simple ones.

Restroom facilities.

More parking in Sherman Island and windsurf launches.

More facilities (ramps, toilets, showers) at some of the "world class" windsurfing sites.

Add more sand bagged access to water.

Windsurfing access to water and parking along Sherman Island.

More parking at Sherman Island for sail boating and bathroom repair.

Accessible bathrooms and better access to water along Delta rocks.

Improve access to the water-sandbag ramps-level parking near the water.

Cleaner water.

Ban jet skis.

Provide dumpster facilities throughout the Delta on levees for easy access and pick up... fishermen are biggest trashers!

Open new campgrounds and launching facilities.

Sacramento County accesses must match the quality of State accesses. Sacramento County's are neglected.

For windsurfing access to the water on Sherman Island.

More parking/overnight space.

Maintain water quality as well as insure access to all of the Delta for everyone.

Improve the water quality and regulate the insane drunken jet skiers. Provide restrooms for the windsurfers on Sherman Island.

Re-asphalt the West Sherman Island levee Road from Hwy 160 to the Sacramento County Park area. Install speed bumps near the windsurfers few launch sites (crossing the levee during peak season is hazardous at times).

Require all boaters to pass a safety test for a license. Make Stockton filter the terds out of the river. Increase parking.

Increase "overflow" parking areas.

Other Comments – Large Boats

We need to have water levels high with sufficient current to flush the systems.

Boating safety awareness and enforcement (applies mostly to the big expensive boats, and to those who use small outboard boats). Plus all who use the "ski doos" type of boats, plus many ski-boats and fast large powerboats; these people need education in boat handling and safety. Handling and safe boating information should be available (by law) with the sale of all boats.

Regulate/enforce rules for personal watercraft operation. Enforce speed limits at marinas and posted waterways. Leave the West Delta "wild".

Cut the regulations, boat repair and cleaning becomes a nightmare.

Mandatory rules of road posted on all boats, including jet skis. Mandatory issuance of rules of the road for all boat sales.

I have been going to the Delta for fifty plus years and I love it.

We love boating the Delta.

Improved anchorages would be nice.

Keep the waterways open and free to utilize. Over regulations will discourage me from using the Delta waterways. Some sort of monitoring of young inexperienced persons using PWCs and ski boats. Too many people are using watercraft without any prior experience.

The best thing to do is keep people away. More people mean less animals and nice places. People leave trash and kill things; consider what the place looked like 200 years ago.

Marinas are getting old. They need dredging to allow boats to have access. Too many marinas cannot afford the cost of dredging.

Need an alternative to stop and go boating with far too many marinas and docks on the Sacramento River. Open the locks to deep-water channel at the Sacramento Marina.

Questions 30,31,32,33, and 34 I feel do not apply or belong on a survey about boating or waterways in the Delta.

Important to me: water quality (farm runoff, limit pumping and flow). Preserve semi-rural quality (limit large developments). Many facilities need better maintenance. Safety (alcohol use, inexperienced drivers, speed enforcement).

Too much algae in system.

1.) Restrict ski boats, jet skis, other small and often reckless watercraft to specified times/places. Their frequent lack of respect for heavy, slow craft (11,500 # for our boat) makes for hazardous water-partners. 2.) If saltwater intrusion were to increase, it may become necessary to move the boat to a better location (either fresh or salt water). We are concerned that any type of canal to supply Southern California's water needs would substantially harm both the boating and the natural environment of the Delta, and should therefore not be undertaken.

Improve the water quality.

Had a great time!

After a trip using my sailboat we rented a powerboat/houseboat from H & H. The trip up and back through Sunshine Bay is for the birds and a houseboat is more comfortable.

The Delta is getting somewhat crowded. The sailing experience is lessened with skiers, speedboaters, and personal watercraft/jet skis.

Our boat is large and heavy for a trailer boat. We need a good launch ramp made of concrete and enough dock space to load and unload people and groceries. We are self-contained but run short of drinking water if we stay more than 2 days. We can live on boat indefinitely with fuel, water, and groceries available. We like to fish and cruise. Sometimes we just anchor where we are if we have enough supplies. We don't want to worry about someone breaking into our truck while it is parked. Sailing from San Francisco Bay to the Delta is a great trip. Conrad Hilton's fireworks at Mandeville Tip on the 4th of July are great. Would like better quality water for swimming. Please protect open space and prevent over-development.

Enforce all boating laws. Clean up the water.

I have been involved with boating since 1959, the Sea Scouts, Coast Guard, and private. The recent economic boom has added to the number of craft on our waterways. Improvements of facilities or services will only add to the problem. The single most important problem is: lack of license for vessel operators (including personal WC). Operators need to prove their knowledge of "rules of the road" and show proficiency for their class.

Need to slow people down, not in wide-open channels but in the sloughs. And maybe keep jet skis out in the larger channels, with jet skis having a speed limit.

Entire Delta should be a no wake zone with specified ski-speed areas.

Limit ski doos (license, age limit, numbers permitted...). Invasive species research/control programs (hyacinths, clams, etc.).

I loved spending summers with the sailboat anchored to Fig Island, Potato Slough. We kept ski boat at B & W Resort and motored out to slough to spend the weekend relaxing, playing in the water, water skiing, etc. No longer own a ski boat and now just race sailboat on the bay. (One race is Delta Ditch-to Stockton. Wonderful race!)

Abate the water hyacinths, upgrade the water quality, and instill safety and courtesy.

More waterfront shops and restaurants would be a great attraction. Waterways more accessible for deep draft boats. Speed limit (reasonable). More garbage drop areas.

Impose restrictions on personal watercraft and their recklessness (speeds and immature riders)! Fast fishing boats that speed in and around cruisers at anchorage put swimmers in peril. Get tougher on drunken boaters at the Helm.

Clean the place up!

More signals letting boaters know their wake is up to 1200 feet behind them.

If the large obstructions are removed from Franks Track (submerged tractors, fence posts, etc.) safety will be enhanced. Perhaps floating out houses, similar to Folsom Lake, would be good in areas that boater accumulate. Keep the Delta as NATURAL as possible. Improving the water flow will help re-create the natural "flushing" that the Delta needs.

Coast Guard and Corp of Engineers are very lax about floating hazards in the water. I have personally watched them break free huge logs and tress from the bank or channel lights and set them free in the river. Boaters pay a lot of money for the river and Coast Guard and Corp of Engineers <u>are</u>, I repeat, are responsible for this problem. My thoughts are to send them to work for the boaters instead of the <u>farmers!</u> River dredging provided in past years need to be done again. We are members/officers of the United States Power Squadrons, where education and boating safety is very critical and taught to the public. Current members of the Sacramento Yacht Club too. We feel that more pump-out stations are needed within the Delta and on the Sacto. River with easy access-not "back and out of the way". The Delta is a beautiful area, make it easy for all who use it to maintain it and continue to use it!

I would like to see Corp of Eng. Clear more debris from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. Fortunately, the Clinton Administration has not decided to regulate our Delta. Environmental responsibilities is an individual responsibility and individually punishable. Don't let the feds regulate our delta! The amount of litter on/and that washes up on our levees is disgusting and unacceptable. Have boated in the Delta almost annually since the early 1950's and enjoyed it. However, it is nearly 400 miles from our lake port.

If the Delta would clean up, people, water and marinas, it would be a very nice recreation area. We like to tie up at quiet natural islands where we are alone. Suggest you put buoys in remote areas far apart.

Educate the Coast Guard and the Delta Sheriffs Dept. to respond to problems with common sense rather than almighty river Rambo's. The biggest fear I have is ever needing to request support from one of these agencies.

I live on Berm #27 on the Delta.

Again, in many areas (not marinas) a "low-wake", (non-damaging if the shore-side party would use common sense) would be a benefit to getting from here to there.

Try to keep the Delta as natural as possible-remember Owens Lake? LA sucked it dry!

No more canals! Keep the water here in the Delta to maintain quality.

We boat to the Delta once a year for one or two weeks with our yacht club. I'm happy with the way it is now.

Idea: Possibly identify areas where skiing is restricted. Not only for those who are at anchor relaxing, but also for those fishing. If possible, determine the distance between those of high speed and those that are slower or anchored.

You need more sheriff boats or police around Bethel Island. Far too many people break the boating laws. I believe there are no patrols in that area, please help.

Improve and enforce fishing regulations. Also, improve habitats for fish-stripers, salmon, etc.

Will be extremely important cruising the area when wife retires in 3 years and we move back to the Bay Area.

Very enjoyable experience that we have been enjoying for the last 20 years staying most often at B & W Resort. The owners and staff there are most accommodating.

Do not depict any water to other towns' growth, etc. from upstream or the Delta itself.

I learned to water ski in 1952 on Indian Slough on a Sunday. In the early 70's I introduced my family to water skiing on weekends in the Delta. By the 80's we tried to ski on Saturdays, as Sundays were getting crowded (i.e. no flat water). By the late 80's we only skied early-before 10 am because it was getting crowded in the late afternoon with too many drunken boat operators and others that are inconsiderate or maybe just don't have any boating knowledge. Fortunately we have the option to use the Delta during the weekdays when it is safer.

The Delta is beautiful. I have previously kept a boat in the Delta and enjoyed it then. It should be left isolated and relatively unspoiled.

Generally very good. Lack of diesel in some areas.

Bar the "Delta Keeper" from the Delta and control the aquatic growth before it gets to the point that boats can no longer navigate the river.

Tell the mosquitoes to go away!

I think the state should purchase or lease more land along or in the Delta waterways and develop them for boating day use. I think a lot more money should be spent on letting the public know about the Delta and its role as a provider of habitat and recreation. Also, pump a lot of money into the development of the downtown Stockton Waterfront. I mean, purchase and clean up the entire North side of the channel. Clean it up and make the South side of the channel more user friendly to all who fish there. The day has come that during high-use weekends boat speed restrictions and skiing closure areas are

needed at high use areas.

The hyacinth control was good last year. Please keep that water flower out!

Need more pump-out facilities free of charge. Get rid of hyacinths.

Very congested.

Let marinas add moorings to surrounding area with pickup service at a small cost with maximum stay being 3 to 4 days.

Remove hyacinth growth and other obstructive growth in the Delta.

I have been boating in the Delta for 60 years and each year I find it less and less appealing for the following reasons: 1. Replacement of trees and foliage on river/slough banks with rock/rip-rap. 2. Proliferation of jet skis and large wake cabin cruisers. 3. Boaters who stake out whole areas of sloughs for the entire season and then occupy their boats only on weekends and short vacations.

Protect the environment and protect boating rights. Build houses around the most beautiful spots-not on them.

Leave it undeveloped and funky.

Because the Delta covers so many counties it is hard for the sheriffs to work together. But if more warnings and/or tickets would be issued to some of the idiots that don't know what a "no wake" zone means, that would help. I also believe more signage should be allowed: example, "no wake zone". Don't divert so much water South, thanks for asking.

A lot of boaters haven't a clue about boating regulations. I believe in mandatory classes, especially for *PWCs*.

More boats less control.

Water quality for swimming is an issue, it is very poor. I would like to swim but don't dare get into the Delta water.

The Delta should remain a balanced resource for the environment, recreation, and water supply. Tapping any of these resources too much will affect all others and destroy the balance. Maintaining the present resources and only adding or changing them in balance, will keep the Delta a wonderful resource in California.

We are losing too many islands in the Delta because the state refuses to help protect them. There are very few places to "anchor out" because of this. There are groups such as the "Delta In Channel Islands" group that is trying to do something about this, but none of the groups with the money has given them the resources to do island protection. Where is all the money we voted on for these groups?

I go to the Delta with my friends for water skiing and partying. It's not good for kids.

I kayak just about every weekend. We are selling our 27-foot Reinel, it's too hard and inconvenient to obtain fuel. It is important to keep the water clean, but government regulations are now getting out of control and need to be eased. Just use common sense.

Delta is more suitable for smaller boats than mine.

I was there once 25 years ago, I was impressed. I would like to sail up there in a couple years when my wife retires. I cruised Mexico 4 times, maybe next time I'll go North.

We went to the Delta when we lived in Pleasanton 4 times. All 4 times we ran aground or snag cables, etc. Not a pleasant experience (plus the wind is horrible). It is not one of our favorite places, sorry! Since I only spent one day on the Delta my first and only impression was the dirty water. I felt that the people who lived or spent a lot of time on the water emptied their holding tanks in the water. My boating has all been on Shasta Lake, rivers, or the ocean. I might be interested in coming back if I had some information on rentals and things to do.

The Delta is a nice area. Although, we realize it is a vast area, most of the marinas and RV parks we visited were pretty run down.

Beautiful!

We have considered taking our houseboat on the Delta; however, it has a lot of bugs-not a lot of coves for privacy or recreational or social spots to rest.

I plan to boat in the Delta soon. Do you have a web site?

New, bigger cleaning facilities and oil change facilities.

Please protect the wildlife.

As a boy, I fished the Delta around Franks Tract (caught some great stripers).

I regard the Delta as a major recreational and ecological resource. I fully endorse and encourage the Calif. Dept. of Boating and Waterways to maintain the highest possible standards in the Delta. Keep guard on the Coast Guard, a fishing buddy and I were boarded by 4 "Coasters". They accused my buddy of drinking and gave a sobriety test. He flunked a couple of the questions and gave an alcohol breath test (showed a "0" for alcohol). My friend asked when it was okay to drink on his boat and they said you could drink as much as you wanted as long as you weren't driving the boat. At the same time we both blurted out that I was driving the boat. They lowered their heads, tucked their tails between their legs, boarded their RIB, and left in shame.

Give loans to family run and corporate businesses to develop the shorelines and turn the Delta into a use friendly paradise. If there were hotels, motels, bars, restaurants, and nightclubs it would make the Delta the place to go and stay. The Delta would profit with jobs, tax revenue, and resources to keep the waterways dredged and the water clean. If you have ever been to Fort Lauderdale or Miami, you have seen what a fantastic resource a waterway can be for boaters and non-boaters when you develop it. Why is DBAW funding this local survey?

The Delta must be preserved at any cost. My father (born in 1870) told me that in his youth the rivers were sparkling clear in all but spring flooding. We have nearly ruined this gorgeous waterway (of over 1,000 linear miles.).

The Delta was many years ago one of my favorable places to boat. It's a great waterway full of history and very attractive. I owned a trailer boat, 27' bayliner between 1979 and 1991-now my boat is a 37' diesel cabin cruiser. From my home in Channel Island Marina, Oxnard, I cruise from San Diego to Santa Barbara. Some day I may return to the Delta by water and expend 2 months there. Boat at Don Pedro only.

Clean up the water and restore the fishing to times in the past when it was great! Show me what you offer in the Delta!

Not enough information.

I hope that future projects in the Delta will benefit water quality and increase fishing and hunting opportunities there. Thank you.

We live on board a 32' sailboat and would love to do the Delta in it, but that is a ways down the road. We do drag our 17' Boston Whaler around; we just haven't made it to the Delta yet. We prefer the undeveloped quiet areas. I would hate to see too much building up there that would remove what makes it attractive.

I like what I read about the Delta. We've cruised some but would enjoy going up to the Delta. Seems like a very attractive place for seniors who no longer cherish the rigors and challenges of the open ocean. Would like to know more about it.

I understand the 4th of July fireworks are terrific!

Many friends like boating in the Delta.

Our boat is a 30 ft sailboat.

I do not boat in the Delta, but I do know that if it is not boater friendly there will be no boaters.

Would like information on boating and fishing.

Almost exclusively sail in Southern California. This area of the Delta I am not familiar with.

Overrated! Ban jet skis.

Would appreciate receiving information on the Delta.

Questions 3 thru 27 I was unable to answer because I do not do any boating at the Delta. I have a 30 ft houseboat and a 17 foot Tri Hull, both located at Pine Flat Lake here in Fresno. I've never been at the Delta.

Sounds like a great area, friends have enjoyed it. It's a long ways for us to go in our 27' sailboat. Hope to buy a larger one, soon, and then we can go anywhere.

My son is planning on taking my boat to the Delta for Memorial Weekend (son is 49 years old).

Some day I want to travel to the Delta and use my boat there. I know little about it. It would draw me more if it were published more. More information about access (launch ramps) camping areas, marinas, mooring and docking areas. Shopping and restaurant areas with docks. I love to travel by boat.

I live 5 minutes from one of the greatest boating secrets in this state....Lake Oroville.

You do a very well done and important service to us, we do appreciate it.

Our daughter and son-in-law and their 2 teenage children go to the Delta for about 1 week. They had a ski boat and friends of theirs often go with them.

Some day, I've been boating 20 years.

Would love to do it. May bring our boat up from San Diego some day and spend the summer exploring the Delta (I have a son in San Jose.).

I have a friend here in Eureka that loves the Delta, his parents live on the Delta. From what I hear about it from them it is the human waste from "live aboards" being dumped into the Delta and the heavy wakes being made by sport and commercial boats, not watching the wake zones.

We bought our houseboat on the Delta at Tower Park. We moved it to Marina Del Rey. We live on the houseboat and have a 33' sailboat in the next slip for recreation. Thanks. Send information.

I fished at Frank's Tract over 45 years ago! Didn't catch a damned thing! I own a sailboat. Whatever you do, don't screw up the environment, even if this means less water for the "farmers" and Southern California in general. By the way, I'm suspicious of anyone who is "interim"!

More information needs to be available to the public. Re: where are the facilities, services, etc. that are available.

Please remove me from your mailing list; we haven't boated in California since 1991 which was when we moved to Arizona.

Sounds interesting.

We have friends that stayed for 6 weeks on the Delta last year, they had a great time!

Do not spend money on the Delta.

It is my dream to be able to boat up and down in that area! I doubt that it will ever happen though. I have a houseboat on Lake McClure and have been there for over 25 years. We have 7 boats-ski and fishing but stay on Lake McClure.

Why all this interest in just the Delta? My boat is in Newport Beach. What's wrong with a survey about Pt. Huearnoma, South of the border?

Lake Oroville is better.

I have heard that there are a lot of trees and dead cars just below the surface. This can be dangerous and should be cleaned up. I know someone who was water skiing and hit a submerged auto and broke his back.

From what I have heard a houseboat trip on the Delta would be a good introduction to the area. You need to pay more attention and spend more funds in the Los Angeles area. Take a survey where the majority of boats are. Your prizes are a joke for us in the L.A. area since we cannot use them. Your survey therefore is biased.

I think the Delta offers nice, warm, and calm place to boat with lots of different areas to explore. But I'm not going to pull my boat out of the harbor at Bodega Bay and take it over there. Thanks for asking. How did I ever get on this list?

As a sailor, my concerns are: bad cross winds, shallow depth, no wind, and difficult tacking. I have no interest and no desire, it's too far.

We have a houseboat on Shasta Lake. Our ski boat is stored in Redding year round, and we have 4 jet skis.

New boat owner and have heard too many stories of how unsafe and easy to damage your boat on the Delta.

Tell me what the Delta is.

Would love to boat on the Delta but its way too far.

Other Comments – Small Boats

We have never been to the Delta, but we may go if we knew more about it. Never boated in the Delta. I think the survey should be more open than just boating on the delta. This way you would see what areas have more use and their needs too. Please concentrate on recreation and boating safety and keeping out conservation groups that will sooner or later shut down your river. We are going on the Delta in July 2000. Very good place to go and have a good time. Good fishing, nice area, and clean. Main difficulty in Delta boating is the 100 mile + tow over Donner Pass. Will have to go to the Delta and take a look. I've been a boat owner for just over a year. I've heard real good things about the Delta from friends and I would like to experience it in the near future. If it's at all possible, could you send me some information to further my knowledge of the Delta? Thank you. I boat mostly fishing-deep sea-lakes not skiing. I never knew too much until I was looking for boats on the Internet and saw just how far the Delta came inland.

We hope to sail the Delta area soon.

I don't know anything about it; although I would like to.

Planning to go in a year or so.

Moved to this area August 1999.

Have never been to the Delta.

We know there are houseboats for lease, but do not know anything about powerboat rentals. The sailing magazines we receive do not mention the Delta.

Would like more information about the Delta.

We would like a map and list of facilities for day and/or overnight camping (tent or other). We are interested in learning more about it.

People in general should be more professional and kindness from others.

We don't have our boat anymore and won't be able to buy one for 2 years. I'm sorry I can't answer more questions.

We are a business, boats are not individually owned.

Not interested.

Sorry, I am poorly informed about the delta. Perhaps I should do some research about the fishing.

I always wanted to houseboat the Delta but really never found good information on this.

I have no comment. I never did any boating in the Delta but I would like to.

If the Delta Marinas did some ads here in the South perhaps others would enjoy hearing about what the Delta has to offer?

I would like more information on the Delta.

Please send any and all information on camping and boating on the Delta.

Try some advertising. We might want to try the Delta if we knew more about it.

We just went last weekend to Isleton and Rio Vista to see about boating and fishing there. We intend to return this year to enjoy the area.

I no longer have a boat but plan on one in the future and would like to try the Delta. My concerns are the quality of the area, crowds, water quality, and the facilities. Thanks.

I have never boated in the Delta. I don't know anything about it.

Would like to see more sheriff patrols and would like to see more mailed information to boat owners locally. Thank you for including me in your survey!

A good detailed map would be nice, one that shows and tells about the features of the Delta with names, mileage, etc.

Never have been. We boat at Oroville Lake about every weekend. Don't know anything about the Delta. We like to fish, swim, ski, and every other thing you can do in or on the water.

It is a place that I have always wanted to explore but have not got around to it yet. We will, someday, in our Boston Whaler. Exploring is our major use of our boats. A little fishing, occasionally, but not often. Now that I am retired maybe we will get down there.

Might boat in the Delta if there were (or I knew of) good campgrounds to use for a trip to the Delta. Retain use with existing 2 stroke outboards.

Keep development to a minimum at boating sites. Allow beach landing and shore ties for tent camping or living aboard. Totally ban jet skis! We have had more trips ruined by these "crafts" then any other source.

Do not fish in the Delta.

We have friends who just came back from visiting the Delta and had nothing but wonderful things to say. We are thinking about making a trip ourselves.

It's too far from our house. Don't send us any more questionnaires on the Delta. Got it? Send me more information.

It is a beautiful area that needs to be preserved.

We have considered taking cruising trips on our boat in the Delta but it was difficult to get information. We use the Colorado River (lakes) for our boating trips. Our #1 complaint-some type of regulation for operating jet skis. They do not use any common sense when riding/racing these machines. We need more RV type campgrounds along the edge of lakes for camping "river style", where boats are kept in the water in front of your rig.

Would like to know more about the Delta.

Too far for me to travel. I usually go to the Colorado River.

I would like to go to the Delta. I need more information on launch ramps, campgrounds, hotels, restaurants, and maps of the Delta.

Have heard good things. Would like to try a trip in the future.

I've heard good things about the Delta and would like to try it someday.

I have heard the Delta has great largemouth bass fishing. I want to learn how I can fish the Delta sometime soon.

We need to know more. Pictures of fish, maps. Force-feed information on the radio when we are driving around.

Although I read about the Delta fishing off and on in fishing reports in the newspaper, I really don't have any first hand knowledge of all the types of fish available and the areas and seasons they appear. A San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta brochure would be helpful if not already available.

I have salmon fished in the Delta using a small boat with an outboard.

I myself have never been to, visited, or fished the Delta. However, my brother has participated in bass fishing tournaments in that area and has thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Do not live near the Delta, do not play in the Delta.

I would like to trade a time-share week for a week on the Delta.

Thought about it, just haven't gotten to it yet.

Too many accidents.

Patrol to keep the bad guys out, and leave the good guys alone! Keep the regulations to a minimum. I plan to start fishing the Delta next year when I retire from work.

We have never been to the Delta and have no plans to.

I have heard a lot of great things about the Delta. I hope to make it there this year.

Before we moved from Bakersfield we visited the Delta several times for water skiing, sight seeing, food, etc-very enjoyable.

The Delta has always seemed very unsafe and overcrowded. When I was there, I saw food and garbage in the water. We skied by several dead birds and dead otters. I felt the water was far too dirty for swimming or skiing.

We were active boaters for 50 years. Health and age has caused our activities to be changed. We sailed from Oakland to the Delta with another couple in an Erickson 30 a few years ago. Hit a submerged tree that threw us around. No major injuries or damage, thank goodness. Filling this much as only a response. I hope the family received one of these as they boat in the Delta.

I have boated on the Delta most of my life. The deterioration in water quality, the growth of adequate vegetation, the deterioration of resorts, the proliferation of personal watercraft, and the deterioration of respect and responsibility of our society in general make your challenge in the Delta a large one. I wish I had some good suggestions, but I don't. My personal solution is to stay away from the place.

Great "flat" water for water-skiing! We enjoyed "the Delta" while we lived in Stockton from 1980 to 1990. But the water is so dirty...our "Lake Shasta" has us very spoiled.

One of the finest natural waterways in the nation. (Except for levees-which I appreciate.) Great fishing and site seeing with camping, picnic options available. I raised my kids on summer outings, fishing, skiing, and camping in the Delta. I want to see the Delta used by the public but well regulated to prevent abuse. I endorse commercial enterprise as long as they follow the laws.

This form asks too many unnecessary questions. I also think that <u>all</u> boating taxes should remain in the boating area not go to general funds.

For years we spent a month in the Delta and loved it. We stayed at Kings Island and fished the White Slew and around the Mail Channel. We had lots of excellent fishing spots. I really miss our times there. Until last year, we also fished the Klamath River. We have property at Crescent City. Clean the water up.

Jet skis are bad for the environment and are extremely noisy.

Put more fish in the water. Thank you.

We were there twice over 20 years ago with our family. My oldest daughter lives in Stockton and I have always wanted to return and tour the Delta on a rented houseboat or my Duffy Electric Boat. It has been many years since we have boated on the Delta so I left many questions blank.

The state needs to: 1. Limit speeds to 10 mph (5 in sensitive areas) and get rid of the fools who drive boats like racing cars. 2. Ban water skiing and jet skis on all public waterways so that people will be able to fish and sail in peace. 3. Impose 5 mph speed during the open waterfowl season so that the birds that use the area will be able to rest and feed. <u>Get rid of speedboats, skis and so-called personal</u> <u>watercraft on any public water area</u>. Clubs can provide private lakes for the fools to race around in. Can you do anything to improve water quality for swimming?

I fish for bass. The times I fished the Delta I loved it.

Get rid of all speedboats on the Delta and post a speed limit. I lived on the Georgiana Slew for 3 years, my ex-wife is the manager of the Oxbow Marina, and she is my best friend. Jet skis should be banned!

I have sailed the Delta for six decades with my children and wife. I hate to see it become a racecourse for fast powerboats.

It is dirty....it could be great.

We don't boat in the Delta anymore-we use Woodward Reservoir because the water is clean, the campsites are close to the water, and the campgrounds and waterways are heavily patrolled. We discontinued skiing in the Southern Delta after many great outings. The problem with that area was the construction of Discovery Bay and their ocean racers.

We feel boating in the Delta is extremely perilous and dangerous. We had so many close calls with speeding drunken boaters and jet skiers. In the name of public safety, you should eliminate all jet skiers from the Delta and have more sheriff patrols and consequences for offenders. We won't take our children out in that dangerous environment again. Thank you.

Seems to be a lot of debris in the Delta; poor water quality.

Jet skis are noisy and create an atmosphere that is unpleasant to those at anchor in the same cove. I've always thought highly of the Delta as a sailing area. The parks' employees have always been helpful.

Please limit the use of the Delta waterways to 4 stroke type motors or fuel injected 2 strokes. Also, do not sell any MTBE laced fuel at any marinas. Phase this type of gas out at the marinas first.

I don't know if I have helped your database with my answers-we boat on larger lakes and reservoirs in the central valley and Lake Tahoe. (Millerton, Pine Flat, and occasionally Kawgah-once in a while Nacimento.)

Due to lots of docks, there is a lot of "no wake" boating which takes away from the pleasure of Delta boating in the Sacramento area.

It is my goal to spend 2 weeks sailing in San Francisco to the Delta in the next 2 years. Exploring the Bay to the Delta in a leisurely way is very appealing to me.

Always loved the Delta-boating from Rio Vista to Courtland-fishing and just relaxing. It's beautiful and peaceful-sloughs-country settings. I miss my boat.

I would like to visit and would like you to provide me with information about launching, hotels and camping grounds. Please forward information if possible. Thanks.

Please send me more information on the Delta.

Please send me information on jet skiing on the Delta.

I would like more information on lakes in the area.

Please send information.

It would be helpful to have more information about the recreational potential of this beautiful area.

I haven't been boating at the Delta area, but I would be interested in further information.

Very poor water quality, bad taste and smell. Need to clean it up.

More resort homes on the Delta (i.e.: Discovery Bay and Bethel B). More campgrounds and mobile home resorts with beach access (like Windmill). Upgrade existing resorts and facilities, and enforce no smoking at the resorts.

The Delta is one of my favorite places to fish and I think it should be kept accessible to all boaters. I would like to see the general public become more responsible and conscientious in their use at our magnificent waterways. It would definitely be nice to have more and better facilities, such as restrooms, but to keep development minimal.

Control of water plants.

I'm satisfied the way things are.

Please put a no wake zone at Garcia Bend. Big cruisers and runabouts constantly drive by too fast. Thank you.

I fish approximately 60 days per year in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Utah, and California. Of all the areas I fish, the Delta is one of my favorite places. But it has, by far, the least amount of "public" access. 20 years ago I made an average of 10 trips to the Delta, and most of the time 6 to 8 people came with 2 or more boats, but finding a place to launch and sleep was easy.

Need more launch ramps and information on locations and access fees.

Clean up debris from the waterways.

We have been boating in the Delta for over 50 years and we have enjoyed it very much. I do not like restrictions as it was. The restrictions are so great now the young people cannot play unless they become adults. Our children were raised in boats and jet skis all their life. Now our grandkids cannot use them because they are too young. I will not let a 14 year old use them because they are not controllable. Make the adults responsible for their children and the parents held accountable.

Need a first class launch site for fishing tournaments.

It's a fine place to go and enjoy the great 1,000 miles of waterways.

I would like to see more patrol boats. The number of inexperienced boaters and drinking and boating is on the incline.

I fail to see any value of race in your survey-it's bullshit! None of your questions merit civil rights questions.

More campgrounds, marinas non-restricted boat and jet ski (personal watercraft) use!

Murky water is one thing, but the seaweed is something else. Finally, the hyacinth has been controlled but now this problem! It's too bad! Also, are the mitten crabs going to damage the levees?

Lack of courtesy and rules of the road are a big problem. Dumping of holding tanks in the river is unacceptable!

My wife does not like the soft button to work on.

Offer more diesel fuel facilities and pump outs.

I have fished, water-skied, and sailed in the Delta since 1958 (I lived in Stockton 1965 to 1970).

Proper enforcement's of laws (drinking and excessive speeds, water safety right of ways, and small water crafts, etc. should be limited to one area only).

1. More regulation on personal watercraft. 2. More regulation on drinking and boating. 3. Mandatory boating curse with purchasing a boat.

Don't over advertise; keep the secret of the Delta quiet!

It is so great to see your interest in what we the recreational users of the Delta think.

We love to fish, but are afraid to eat the fish because of high chemical levels of toxins.

We had a good vacation on the Delta in the early 1980's. I hope things are as good or better now. My guess is that there are a lot more visitors and more to come. I would like them to have as good as experience as my family did in the early 1980's.

Boats that are illegally moored in Lake Washington should be required to obtain a long-term moorage permit and fill out a waste disposal log or forced to relocate.

We have friends who live in the area and we visit annually and bring our boat. We love the skiing and fishing!

It doesn't cost as much to fish at the Delta, senior discount to launch your boat close to home. Big enough for a lot of people.

Water quality! Water hyacinth control! Heavily enforce and give very strict penalties for unsafe boating!

Maintain sheriff patrols and clean up facilities owned by the state. More maintaining of docks, piers, and etc.

The use of jet skis should be restricted to their own operational area, except in transit to and from marinas. They are a danger to boaters when they jump my wake.

Kill the bugs.

Note: Our primary uses are good launching ramps and adequate parking. We usually fuel up, have our food, etc. and are prepared to ski or fish. Most of our friends do likewise.

The Delta is a great place. I need to learn more about it.

More lights at boat ramps and restrooms, maybe some floating restrooms like are in some lakes. *A very good place to boat and fish.*

Pick up trash in waterways.

Wood hazards, and very shallow water.

It is enjoyable-I would rather drive and boat a short distance, that is why I would like more launch ramps.

There are numerous Marinas in the Delta to provide most of the services this questionnaire addresses. Where taxpayer monies should be spent is on developing recreational facilities dedicated to boaters only, with no RV/automobile intent (state and federal parks provide that). First priority, though, <u>must</u> be on improving Delta water quality to provide a healthful, worry-free recreational experience: Get <u>tough</u> on industrial/agricultural pollution! The San Joaquin/Sacramento Rivers are cesspools, and not due to boater negligence: They are, by and large, the most careful stewards of water quality-they're in it, after all.

I go to the Delta for its close proximity and smooth water for skiing. But when the family wants to go boating we go up to a lake for better water quality and a place where the kids can play in shallow water. Use scientific data to manage water and fish resources. Make heavy the opinions of farmers and fishing guides. Make better use of water in cities. Stop laws that make no sense. Example, 2 cycle out boarding vs. 4 cycle. Mercury has a testing lake they have used for 50 years and there is no more pollution there than anywhere else.

Restore the levee areas to as much natural areas as possible. Control the ski boats and jet skis. Reward good boaters, "atta boys", with gift certificates, prize drawings, fishing license, etc.

Need more places to stop and get out, beaches, etc. Levees are not that conducive when they are covered with rocks.

I raised my children on sailing excursions to the Delta in the 1970's through 1980's. Now that I am retired I frequent the Delta, less often, but I still cruise there on my 40 motor sailor several times a year. Too many boats at once. Very dangerous and small, narrow waterways. Poor experience.

Repair the levees.

Hal Schell's #1 fan!

Pass "a test" to drive a boat.

Something needs to be done about hyacinth problem. The Delta is being destroyed by "bay keeper" and the social water hogs.

Why not let a river flow from the Sierras to the Delta and don't let any farmers touch it or anybody, and make a park on both sides one block long and plant fruit trees. It could water naturally so people wouldn't go hungry. Then you'd have good water for fishing and swimming, etc.

Marinas are old-gas can be hard to get and very expensive. Delta has few beaches.

Safety is first. We love the Delta all the time.

Keep area pristine; do not overbuild facilities to draw more watercraft that will ruin the area. Limit jet skis and water skis to certain areas. Patrol rivers, sloughs, etc. for maintenance of speed, noise, and safety.

As the Delta has become busier, hazardous boating practices are more dangerous. Boaters are faster, bigger overall than years back. Speed makes all decisions more critical. Going around blind corners, having dropped skiers in the water, etc. Jet skis have been not only annoying at times, but also threatening. Offshores appear out of nowhere at top speeds. Lots to watch for. Glad to see the drunk

driving rules applied to the water.

Post and enforce speed limits at blind curves. Please, less rocks and more sand!

We haven't been on the Delta lately. We mostly don't like all of the trash and garbage left behind and the water is really dirty-too dirty for swimming.

The Delta is a very congested area and most boaters operate their boats safely. We need more sheriffs out on the water, enforcing boating safety. (Like drinking in their boats.)

1.) Water quality for swimming-wish it was better. 2.) Would love to see areas on the water to stop and swim and picnic (and keep the boat safely in the water).

Need more police response for rude, uncaring, law braking boaters (such as no slowing down for 5 mph zones and reckless water skiers and jet skiers).

My son just bought a water ski boat and will use Brandon Island area and other areas near Pleasant Hill.

Delta is great to boat but it needs more attractions and gas pumps to accommodate boaters.

Less regulation!

Need to take control of water hyacinth and other aquatic plants introduced illegally into the Delta waterways (clogs cooling systems and speedometers).

The two launch sites I use are Dells and Lazy M. Both need help in upgrading all aspects of their facilities. Need more boater friendly police presence (i.e. safety checks for equipment; alcohol consumption, and insurance and registration.)

Boating on the Delta is not safe! There is not enough law enforcement on the water.

We need more wild areas to hunt ducks.

We definitely need a boat launch at Westgate Launching (or other) closer to Lodi other than Tower Park. (Tower Park is too steep and dangerous.)

Vegetation needs to be controlled in the Delta. Many waterways are blocked off because of it. For the most part, the Delta looks run down. It needs to be revitalized. Old places need to be fixed up or repaired and some new places need to be added. Vegetation control would cut down on some of the boater congestion.

Improve the clarity and quality of the water.

The Delta needs destination restaurants and shops. It needs places to cruise to. Other places I cruise have restaurants, shops, and marinas fairly close together.

We enjoy boating and would like to do more. Those of us with small boats would like to leave out boats in the water during our boating season (where they could be used more often). Monthly rates for small boat slips have been discouraging. It is so much that many of us park then in our backyard (resulting in less use).

Many, many years ago, I attended classes given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary for safety regulations, boat operations and boating etiquette. I am a firm believer of passing a law that requires all operators of boats, small or large, posses a license and a boating certificate for safety, regulations, and boating rules. Better water and tides explanations at ramp areas.

The Delta is large enough for everyone. The only real need is to leave it alone. Don't add more and don't take any away. In 20 years of on the Delta, I have only seen a few conflicts, mostly skiers in back sloughs where waterways are narrow. Most launch areas have good access, parking, and store. The real need in the Delta is to improve the water quality. Stop these companies from dumping waste into the Delta, sloughs, and lakes.

Too many 5 mph zones in areas where the docks should be removed. They are junk places. Someone needs to re-evaluate these zones to see if restrictions should be lifted.

1. I do not seem to be able to catch fish in the Delta. 2. The privately owned campground/marinas are expensive. 3. The fish I have caught I did not eat due to fear of contamination/poison. 4. In the past 25 years I have been to the Delta approximately 6 times. Each time I am reminded why I don't frequent the area. Because 1. We were almost broad sided by another high-speed vessel. 2. While water skiing I released the towrope, settles down into the water and my arm hit a piece of 1" rebar. And 3. In 1999 we rented a houseboat and anchored. Later that night another houseboat anchored next to us with their stereo blasting until 5 a m the next morning. When we returned to the marina we found our car had been backed into.

I think the Delta is far more important than the average Californian thinks. Without it we would be doomed. Make some kind of public relations campaign; champion what the Delta does for all of us. Meaning the recreation, farming, water, wildlife, etc. If I win, just donate the prize to some fund for cleaning up the Delta!

Too many speed restrictions and too many large boats for safety. Ban all water skiing. Never been there but may try it out.

Other Comments – Windsurfers

I learned to windsurf in the Delta, although I have not been there in the past two years. The sunsets there are beautiful.

Water quality is so important! I have been sick twice from swimming. Limiting high-powered speedboats and PWC will make the Delta safer and more enjoyable.

Being a windsurfer and kayaker gives me more contact with pathogens in the water. I have contracted illness from the river, so it is very important to me that the convenience to boaters in getting rid of their wastewater without dumping it into our waterways is attractive for them to do it! Some sort of navigation aid.

We have problems with weeds (elodia). This is causing mud to build up and also the hyacinth. And the problem I have is swimming in others sewage. Perhaps pump tanks at fuel stations would help. The Delta is one of the great places in the world for windsurfing. The parking, restrooms, etc. at Sherman Island are extremely poor; what a shame.

With some of the best windsurfing conditions in the U.S., the Sherman Island area needs better camping and access for it to become a world-class windsurfing destination.

I windsurf. Do not restrict access for windsurfing, please!

Build and expand existing sailboard sites. Promote the sites and the sport-which benefits the environment by not requiring fuels, oils, or similar facilities. Does not promote water pollution, and noise pollution.

Regarding Sherman Island only: on a windy spring or summer day, there can be several hundred windsurfers. While most would agree the area could use improvements, there is a fear that improvements would mean more restrictions and high use fees. My suggestion is to leave a portion of the levy for the hardcore and cheapskates, and boot the County of Sacramento out of the park. It could be improved for more enjoyment by all and probably pay for itself.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I'd like to see more windsurf sites.

None or minimal changes should be done to the Delta. At Sherman Island Marina, no improvements were made, however, a fee was charged and a man employed to collect it. Net result: money was transferred from one group (the facility users) to the man employed to collect it! Government at its worst.

When our children were young we water-skied in the Delta at least once a week all summer. We loved every minute! Now we windsurf all summer, we have a trailer at Sherman Lake Resort.

All in all, I have a great time when I visit the Delta. I go primarily to sailboard. At the access on Sherman Island, the camping is good, the toilets are horrible, and the people who staff are just plain unfriendly, arrogant, pitiful. Water quality leaves something to be desired, but is understandable given the agriculture in the area. Very few conflicts with other boaters or fishermen. There needs to be more ingress/egress locations on the levee. If you get blown down wind or break down on a flood tide, it can get bad very fast.

We love windsurfing in the Delta. Minor improvements for parking and allowing camping, fresh water for showers. We respect the environment and want improvements to create minimal environmental damage.

For 5 years I have been coming to the Delta for windsurfing, and plan to continue. I enjoy the excellent conditions. It seems that restrooms and good launch sites are always a concern. Pleas ask the Delta Windsurf Association (of which I am a member) for additional suggestions. Sorry I did not get in on the prize drawing (was out of town for a month, windsurfing), but please do include my information in your survey.

Listen to the Rio Vista Windsurfing Association!

Who ever is in charge is missing the boat-a lot of money could be made with the right promotion. I like it like it is with the exception of the guy at the gate on Sherman Island (Jake).

You have a great resource that is significantly underdeveloped with respect to windsurfing.

We could really use another Windy Cove windsurf access. The reduced access at Crissy Fields in San Francisco and the possible loss of numerous sites if the San Francisco airport expands into the Bay pushing more windsurfers toward the Delta. A windsurf access with camping on Sherman Island would really help.

The Delta is a vital resource for windsurfers, who are environmentally friendly, no harmful-other than levy problems due to parking.

Need access and parking for windsurfing. Sherman Island is one of the great venues. Infrastructure for recreation needs to grow as the population grows. Windsurfing is easy-only need access, parking, and restrooms.

Additional windsurfing facilities are greatly needed. Also permanent restrooms, parking areas, walkways down to the river, and emergency phones.

Educate/enforce right of way rules for motorized craft vs. sailboarders. Also, improve launch sites for sailboarders.

More launch sites for sailboarders are needed.

Showers at Sherman Island access would be nice.

Police alcohol on the river! Educate boaters on rules-although most are very considerate.

We enjoy windsurfing and cruiser boating and use the Delta frequently. Keep the water quality high by not pumping water out. Improve existing facilities, both marinas and Sherman Island Park.

Thanks for this opportunity to give input. I'm looking forward to expansions and improvements. The relatively small stretch of Sacramento River on Sherman Island is one of the best windsurfing locations on the West Coast. I'd like to see access to the launching areas maintained and improved. I windsurf at Sherman Island on a regular basis. We can use help with maintaining trash and toilet facilities. Any help with launch ramps down the levy would be appreciated. Windsurfing in a clear, nonpolluting activity that could draw more Delta use.

The Delta is a wonderful place to windsurf! The current crude facilities on Sherman Island work quite well. Permanent windsurfing access ramps would be a nice improvement over the black sandbag ramps. Restrooms, showers and squirt-off areas would also be an improvement. More organized parking areas (don't need paving really) would also be good. If the daily use fee for improvements is \$5.00 I would rather leave it alone for now. \$1.00 to \$2.00 is fine, but \$5.00 (like Windy Cove) is kind of steep for windsurf access. RVWA represents my interests/views very well.

Please improve the facilities for windsurfing.

I'm a windsurfer, the weather and proximity are the determining factors in this sport, if it's blowing in the Delta and I have time I go. Otherwise I go elsewhere or to work.

We need improved facilities to support windsurfers. In the past the restroom facilities have been unsanitary and horrible. The new restrooms at Windy Cove and Sherman Island are a vast improvement. We need more parking and camping facilities as well. Windsurfers are environmentally conscious-we keep our areas clean, have trash pick-up events, assist in the security of the areas, etc. Please support us! We also bring in money to the local economies.

Require personal watercraft and/or all boats with over 20 HP motors to have licensed operators. Too many people do not know rules of right of way and drive recklessly. Sewage pump-out should be free. Most Bay Area marinas offer free pump-out. Delta marinas charge \$20 or more no matter how big the holding tank. That forces most people to pump waste overboard. I've seen it done!

I enjoy the Delta area, like lack of development. Would like to live/play there in retirement.

Would like to gain access to windsurfing launch below (East) of Sherman Island County Park when levee study is done, the wind is best near the park. Thanks.

Known world-class windsurfing!

Excellent vacation spot-good windsurfing! Needs more restrooms and a snack concession/restaurant, etc. out by Sherman Island.

We come to the Delta because of the high wind. There are few places in the U.S. with consistent high wind and water. Develop the park so windsurfers have close water access from their cars and gear.

Develop launch facilities <u>before</u> Sherman Island to minimize/reduce traffic on the levee's and therefore cause destruction and blisters!

Set up fines or control the amount of litter along the levees. The bank fishermen are pigs! My husband and I have been sailing on Sherman Island for approximately 8 years. There are no services, campgrounds, or decent launches. We would be willing to pay for such services if they were available. We have purchased yearly passes to Sandy Beach Park, but Sacramento County does not monitor the park and people park cars, trailers, and campers there for days and weeks and pay no camp fees. There is never room for cars to park in the day-use area.

The Delta is a unique body of water. One of the things that makes it enjoyable is that there are few fees. If making improvements such as restrooms, docks, etc. means charging fees I would say forget the improvements. Water quality should then become the highest priority.

Repair levee road, more traffic signs, i.e. speed, no dumping, pedestrian crossing, and leash law. State maintained trashcans in various locations during the summer and fall when human impact is highest. Also, more police patrols during this period. Thanks.

Road to Sherman Island off 160 needs skip patches.

All Provider Comments

We have our night tie-ups and long-term slips up to 100-foot yachts.

Need covered slips, more pilings, pump out, fuel

For various reasons boating is way down. Our facility is ok because we are small, but the boat traffic has declined significantly. We are over regulated. At last count, I have dealt with 13 State and Federal agencies. Nobody wants the hassle of gas tanks. If boating comes back, there will not be services for them.

Covered storage building. More covered berthing

Transient moorings for recreational boaters throughout the Delta would reduce anchoring and improve water quality.

There is an increasing need for dry storage of boats. Fuel facilities and waste facilities are increasingly a shortage (environmental issues). Bethel Island needs a lot of new or upgraded berthing to 60 ft and transit berthing for availability to shopping

I'm against state and municipal facilities that compete directly with private marina facilities. It becomes difficult to do business when public funds develop a brand new marina and then when they can't pay their loans back, the state says that's ok.

With so many "homeless" boaters on the river, transient tie-ups are always a problem. We only have boat docks for our membership campground guest. We have no launching

available, the nearest one away is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from us.

Public funding should be made available for sewer treatment facilities.

Ours is a small club, 200 members plus families. We are not a fifty-year-old club. We are being severely affected by silt

This is a very restrictive questionnaire. You can't split boating 26 feet under and over. Our yacht club treats all boaters as equals, and our facilities accommodate boats of all sizes. Just because a boat is under 26 feet doesn't mean it is always launched from a trailer.