



**Our mission:** To assure the public is served with clean, safe, well managed, financially sound and environmentally pleasant marinas.

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In an effort to keep the community informed about the goings on at the San Mateo County Harbor District, I'll be sending out an informal e-mail on a somewhat regular basis (no deadlines or promises!). I'll try to keep it relevant, may use it to convey important or timely information, but also want to make it something you want to read. If you want me to address anything in particular, just send me an e-mail. Feel free to forward this, to send me e-mail addresses to add to the list, or to ask to be saved from one more e-mail in the in box!

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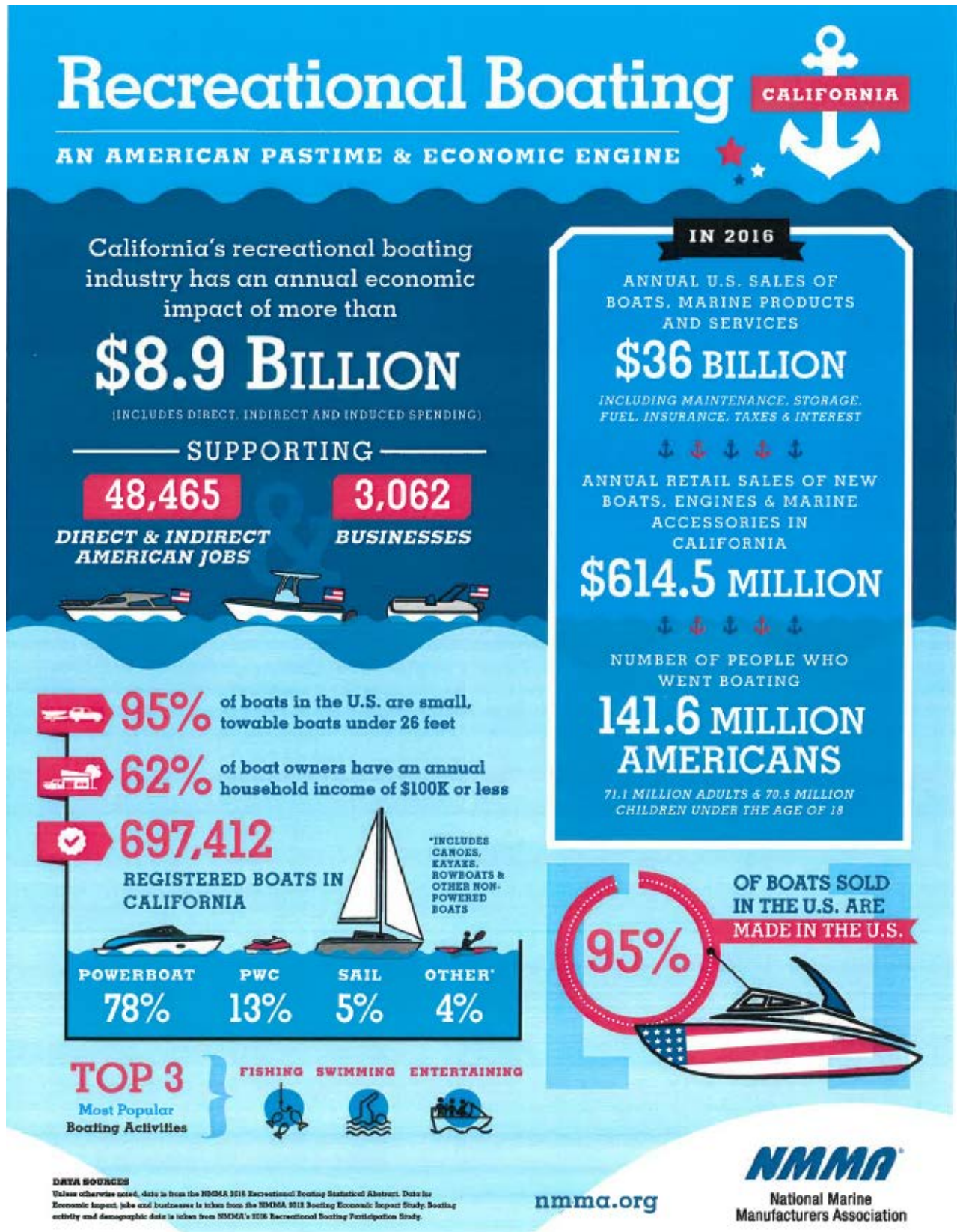
May 19 – 25 is National Safe Boating Week, and the single biggest part of safe boating is wearing a life jacket (PFD or Personal Floatation Device). See <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/> for stories and statistics. Our Harbor Patrol regularly see the value of PFDs as they perform rescues off our coast and in the Bay.



May 18 is "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day". Send me pictures of people at work wearing life jackets!



And speaking of boating, I was at the California Boating Congress in Sacramento a while back, where this poster was distributed, with good data on the impacts of recreational boating:



A few things coming up, but first here's a first heads up on the West Trail parking lot repair. It's in pretty bad shape, we're going to fix it, we bid the project and have a contractor, and yesterday our 'waiver' was approved by Coastal Commission. What we won't have till next week is a date certain – but it will be before Memorial Day, we will give plenty of notice, and will post signage so that folk will know that the parking lot will be closed for 3, potentially 4, days. Inconvenient I know, but necessary!



Practically a new parking lot at PPH – we sealed and striped most of the parking nearest the water; we have not done the area between the Harbor Masters office and the retail row; this will be a part of a bigger project that will widen the sidewalk, repair storm drains, and improve ADA access.



The big development at Oyster Point Marina has begun – first phase has been demolition – this is the demise of what had been Drake Marine:



And now for something completely different...seen in El Granada this morning:



Seems almost like a creative writing assignment: “A single orthopedic boot and a single dive fin are discarded at the side of the road. Write 500 words, with exposition, development and a clear resolution.”

“What can we ever hope to do with the western coast, a coast of three thousand miles, rock-bound, cheerless, uninviting, and not a harbor on it? What use have we for this country?... Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer to Boston than it is now.” Daniel Webster (1782-1852)...and may be folklore

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RIP Bob Marley, 2/6/45 – 5/11/81

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