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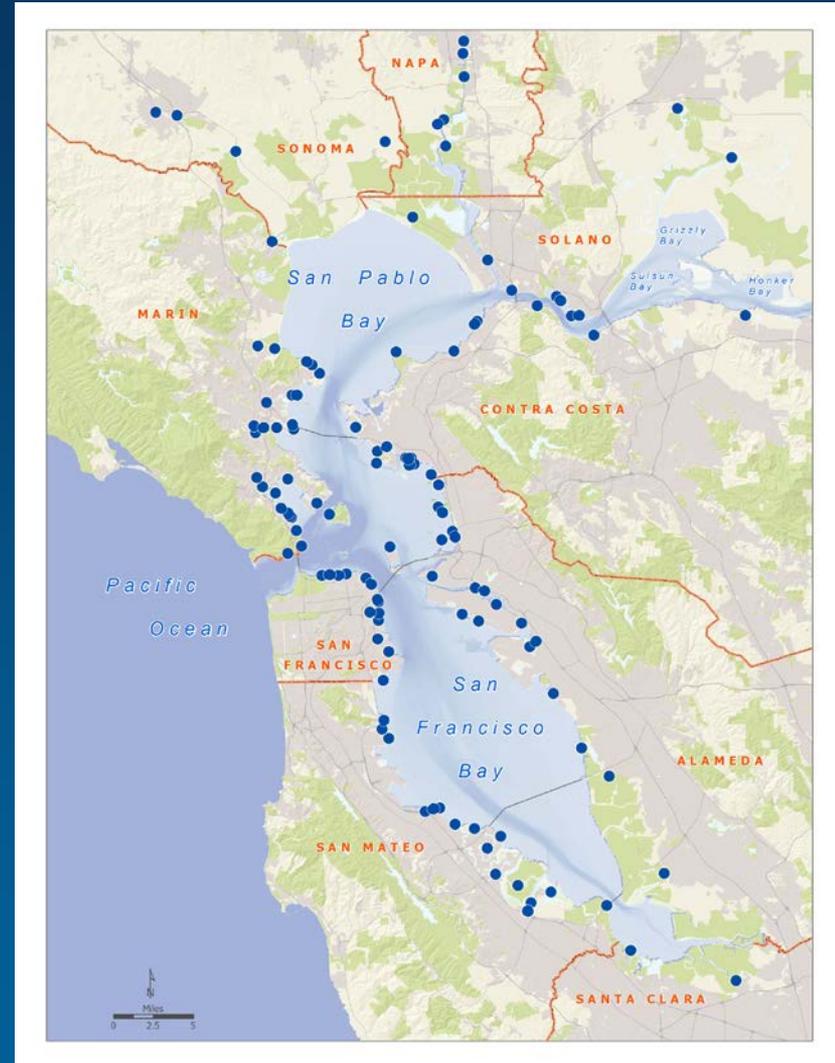




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# SF Bay Area Water Trail

- A network of landing and launching sites for non-motorized small boats
- In all nine counties of the Bay Area





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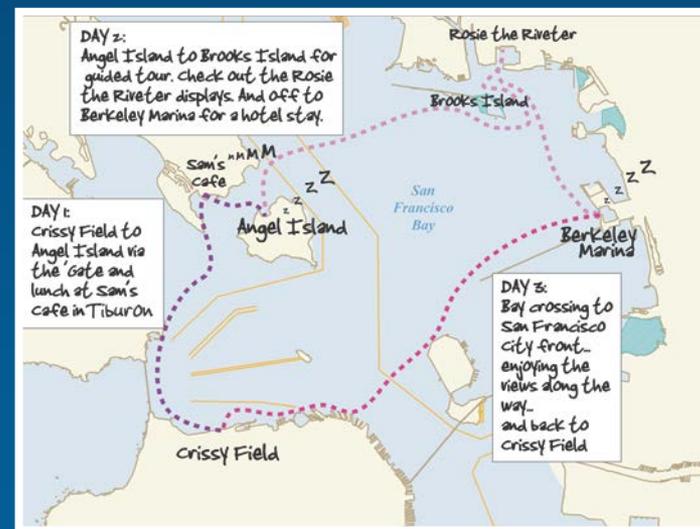




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# Water Trail Vision

- Bay Access, Inc.
- Preserve and enhance the access we have
- Plan for future growth
- Create opportunities for multiple-day and single-day trips
- Increase funding





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# Water Trail History

## Water Trail Act (2005)

- Loni Hancock,  
Assembly Bill 1296
- Draft Water Trail  
Plan (2007), led by  
BCDC
- CEQA –  
Environmental  
Impact Report  
(2011), led by Coastal  
Conservancy



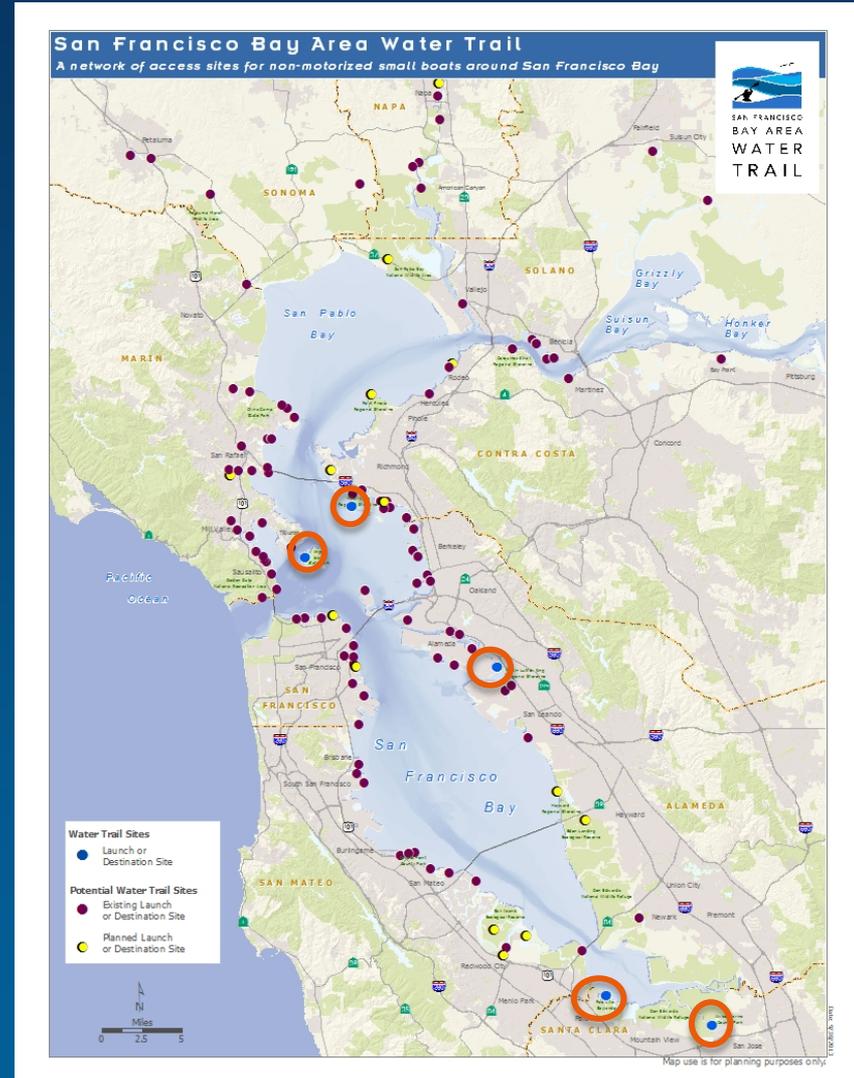


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# Water Trail History

## Site Designations To Date:

- Tidewater Boating Center
- Angel Island
- Palo Alto Sail Station
- Alviso Marina County Park
- Ferry Point Beach





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# Project Management Team

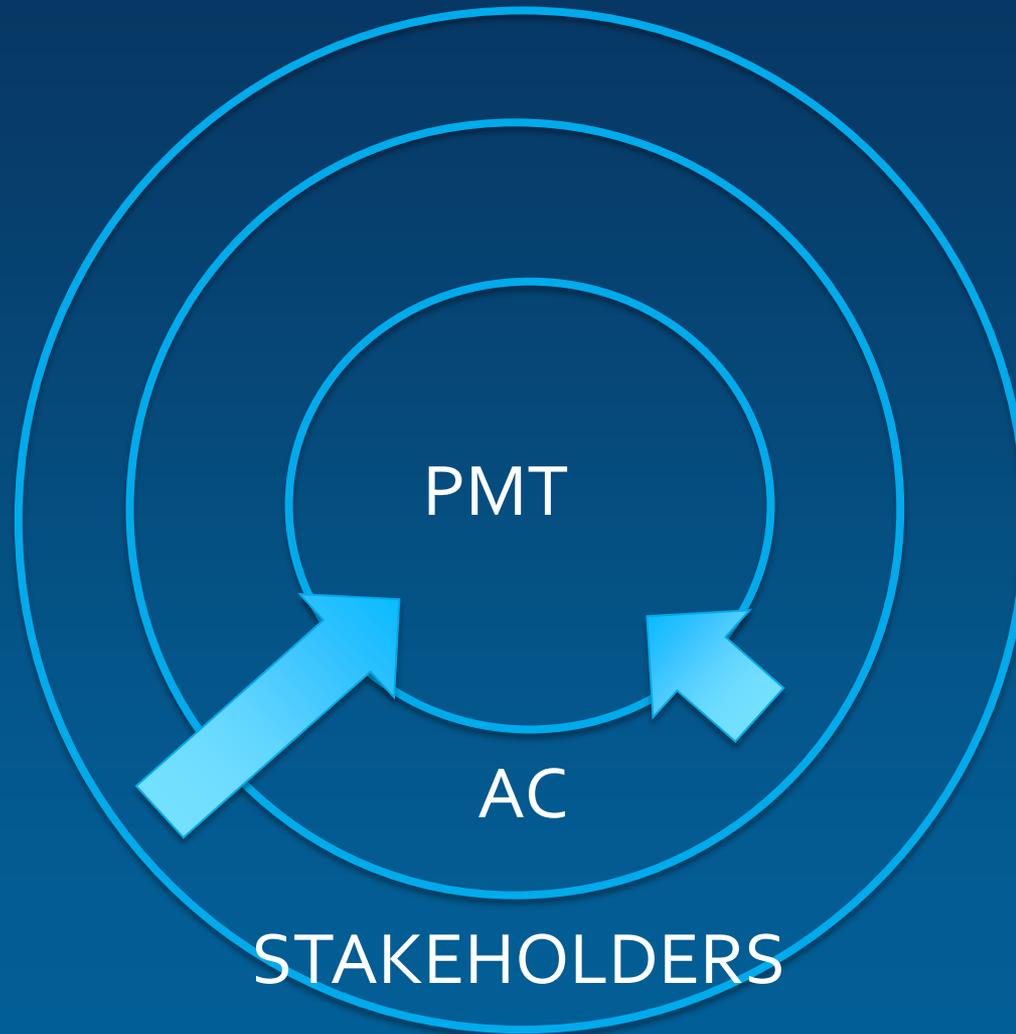
- State Coastal Conservancy - Lead
- Association of Bay Area Governments
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- Division of Boating and Waterways (Dept of Parks and Recreation)





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# Governance Structure





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# Advisory Committee

- Accessibility expert
- Bay Access, Inc.
- CA Assoc of Harbor Masters
- CA Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- County or Local Parks
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Hospitality Industry
- Outfitter/Tour Guide
- National Park Service
- US Coast Guard
- Wildlife/habitat Protection Organization
- State Parks



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# Access for All



- 2012 and 2013 Surveys

- Water Trail Accessibility Plan (2014)





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# Education and Outreach

- Website
- Brochure
- Signs

EXPLORE THE WATER TRAIL | PLAN YOUR TRIP | GET INVOLVED | DISCOVER THE BAY | MAP

Home > Plan Your Trip > Navigational Safety

## Navigational Safety

Personal Safety  
Navigational Safety  
Emergencies

Oakland Estuary, by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### Shipping Channels

San Francisco Bay is one of the busiest ports in the world. There are several things every small boat user needs to know:

- Ships have the right of way in shipping channels by law.
- Large ships cannot maneuver easily and need a lot of time to stop.
- Large vessels cannot see small vessels very well. It is safer to assume a large vessel cannot see you.
- Large ships are restricted to narrow channels or fairways where it is deep enough for them to move. Even if ships do see you, and have time to maneuver, they may not be able to do so safely because the water around the shipping channel is too shallow.
- It is your responsibility to be aware of your surroundings and keep clear of larger vessels.
- Know where the shipping lanes are and stay out of them. Use extreme caution if a crossing is necessary.
- Larger boats leave large wakes.

### Rule 9

All vessels less than 20 meters (65 feet) shall not impede passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only in a narrow channel.

Rowboat, Alviso

### Rules of the Road

The Rules of the Road are a set of rules much like the rules of the road on the highway. They establish a consistent way to navigate safely and avoid collisions. All human-powered boaters should become familiar with these rules for their own safety and that of others.

[Rules of the Road PDF](#)

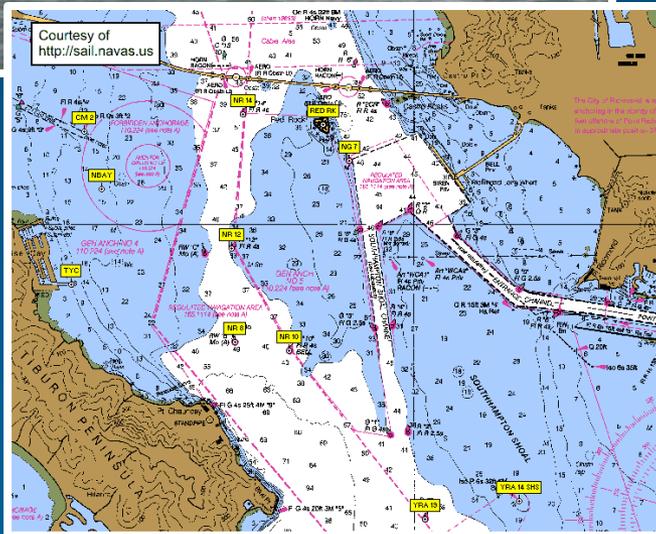
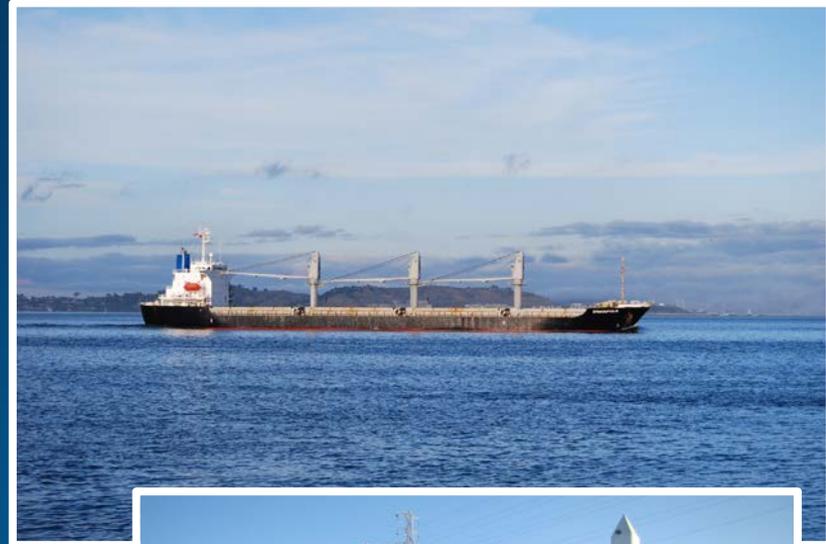
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# Safety



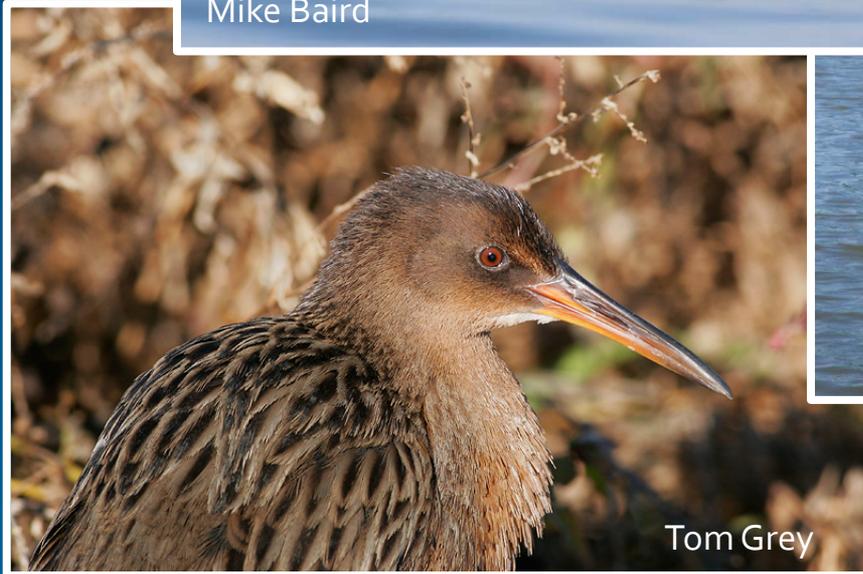


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# Wildlife and Habitat



Mike Baird



Tom Grey





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# Water Trail Grant Program

- Launched in 2013
- Funding from the Coastal Conservancy
- Capital Improvement Projects





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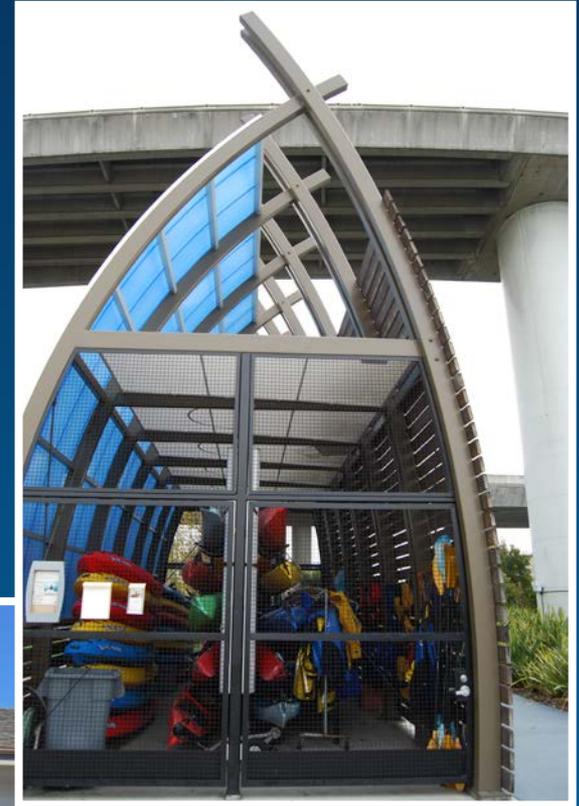
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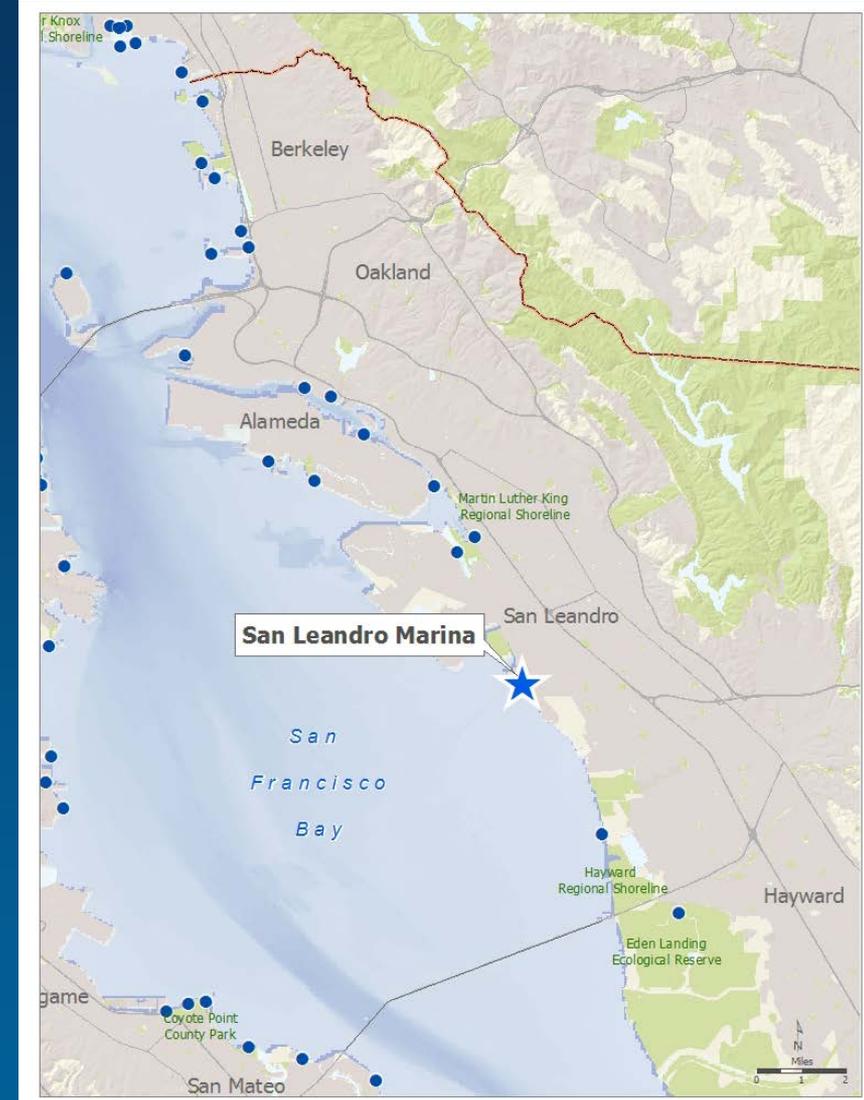




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# San Leandro Marina

- Important for the region
- Opportunities for trailhead features





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