

# Vessel Turn-In Program

## IS YOUR BOAT AN ANCHOR? TURN IT IN THROUGH THE VTIP!

**T**he Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) is a program created to help boat owners surrender their unwanted recreational boats to a local participating VTIP agency, free of charge. This helpful and proactive program is administered by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), and grants are awarded annually to qualified local public agencies statewide. Commercial vessels are not covered under this program.

## WHY DOES THE VTIP EXIST?

The VTIP is an option to help boat owners properly dispose of unwanted vessels, and to reduce the number of aging and abandoned boats in California.

For a boat owner, getting rid of a boat that has little or no monetary value is not easy. Often, the cost of disposal is more than the boat is worth. Because of this difficulty some owners will sell their boats for next to nothing, give them away, or -in worst case scenarios- abandon them. When a boat is abandoned, it becomes a potential danger to the public and the environment, and a very expensive problem for taxpayers to bear.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

- If your application is accepted, disposal is free.
- You must be the registered owner, and title must be free and clear of any loan balance, liens, and/or taxes.
- Boat owners do not need to bring their registration up to date in order to surrender their vessel.
- Commercial vessels are not eligible for this program.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The boat owner should contact the City of Newport Beach - Harbor Department by visiting our website at [www.newportbeachca.gov/vtip](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/vtip) or by calling 949-270-8159. Staff will ask some basic questions regarding the vessel and afterwards, provide further information and instruction regarding ownership verification and boat surrender.

