

Port Walk #3



The Port in Action

Look at the boats here. You will see commercial and sport fishing boats, excursion boats, fireboats, ferries, and maybe even some unusual rowboats. The Port of San Francisco manages all this activity, makes sure the public has access to the waterfront, and is also responsible for protecting resources along the water's edge.



Sportfishing Boats

Knowledgeable skippers and prize catches make Fisherman's Wharf a favorite departure point for recreational anglers. Boats leave daily throughout the year for full- and half-day sport fishing trips. Salmon and rockfish, along with lingcod, striped bass, halibut, and albacore are plentiful in season outside the Golden Gate. Catches inside the Bay include stripers, salmon, lingcod, halibut, sturgeon, and shark.

Excursion and Commuter Ferries

For great views of Bay landmarks and the San Francisco skyline, a ferryboat ride is hard to beat. Ferries leave Fisherman's Wharf throughout the day for narrated cruises around the Bay or excursions to Alcatraz and Angel Island. They also provide transportation for thousands of Bay Area commuters.



Dennis Kennedy, Marine Engineer

“After the 1989 earthquake hit, the fireboat Phoenix got the call to go to the Marina District to fight the fires. The fire crew had already left to fight other fires, so the marine crew took the Phoenix to the yacht harbor. The crew used the fireboat to pump water from the Bay at a rate of 6,400 gallons a minute for 15 hours. The community effort that made it possible: a ‘daisy chain’ of people from the neighborhood carried the hoses from the boat to a fire engine’s hoses and up and around an entire block.”