Mission Statement

The Marine Exchange is a non-profit, membership organization that serves as a chamber of commerce for Bay Area maritime affairs. Established in 1849, it is one of the oldest maritime service organizations in the United States.

The Marine Exchange’s primary efforts focus on collecting and disseminating shipping information, facilitating communication and discussion in the community, and identifying and developing improvements.

The Marine Exchange is involved in a scope of activities as broad as the shipping industry itself. It ranges from forecasting, tracking, statistical analysis, operational support and communications to industry forums and collaborative programs.

Maritime Information

Industry Support

Communication Services

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Celebrating over 170 years of service to the San Francisco Bay Region
Maritime Information

Port and Berth Logistics
Work with pilots, agents and tug companies to digitally record and distribute all expected and actual commercial vessel movements. Publish all vessel schedules in real time 24/7.

Daily Harbor Reports
Reports include but are not limited to arrivals and departures; in port; harbor activity and harbor log.

Vessel Movements / AIS
AIS receivers are located on Mt Tamalpais, Stockton, Sacramento, Eureka and Monterey. These receivers provide real time vessel tracking. Alerts of vessel movements can be provided via e-mail and text message.

Historical AIS Data Analysis / Reports
Animated playbacks of detailed vessel movements or screen shots of vessel movements in one minute increments can be developed.

Golden Gate Ports Handbook
Published yearly, the Golden Gate Ports Handbook broadens the scope of coverage to include listings for marine organizations in the Bay Area.

Communication Services

Customized Telephone Answering Service
Our highly-trained Vessel Support Specialists are here to answer your phones 24/7. This service can be customized to meet your needs.

Mobile Communication Services
Devices, services and account management for businesses wireless needs.

Tug Support Services
We provide monitoring of vessels movements and notifications to tug companies of any anomalies or changes.

VHF Communications
The Marine Exchange operates on VHF Ch. 10 using a 50-watt coastal base station located on Mount Tamalpais, as well as maintaining a constant listening watch monitoring channels 12, 13, 14, and 16.

Industry Support

Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC)
The TFC Committee brings together in an informal structure representatives from the USCG, CBP, MARAD, insurers, attorneys, freight forwarders, customs brokers, ports, carriers, stevedores, bankers, Congress, and the Senate with the objective of providing assistance, ease, support, and mitigation; to disentangle, extricate, increase accessibility, manage, influence, and facilitate trade.

Harbor Safety Committee (HSC)
The HSC is an advisory committee to the Administrator of California's Office of Spill Prevention and Response. The HSC focuses on regional maritime safety.

Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC)
The AMSC is an advisory committee to the USCG Sector Commander. The committee is comprised of public and private maritime stakeholders.

Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (P.O.R.T.S.)
Developed by a partnership between the Marine Exchange, the National Ocean Service and the Office of Spill Prevention and Response, P.O.R.T.S. is a network of sensors measuring the current, depth, salinity of the water and the wind speed and direction in the San Francisco and Suisun Bays.