

*Destination Series:*

## Downtown Stockton Marina - "The Pearl of Stockton"



Stockton Marina Lighted Canopies. Photo by Bellingham Docks.

If you have not had a chance to visit the new Downtown Stockton Marina in San Joaquin County you are missing out on a wonderful experience. It is, not only exquisite, but it is also a great destination point in the Delta and in the heart of Downtown Stockton. The Downtown Stockton Marina opened on November 1, 2009 and is located right next to Weber Point, which is the home of the Stockton Asparagus Festival. The Marina is part of the revitalization for the City of Stockton and was developed through a California Department of Boating and Waterways grant.

The marina consists of sixty six slips, forty eight covered 50-foot slips, twelve 60-foot slips and six 80-foot slips. There is also 1,400 linear feet of guest dock. The canopy shades over the docks light up at night which creates a beautiful atmosphere. Boaters can also dock their boat on a Friday and walk five minutes to the downtown Farmers Market. This is the only marina in the area where boaters can dock their vessel and attend a concert, visit the Bob Hope Theater, check out a ballgame or hockey game, and dine at many local restaurants.

Each dock at the marina has a sewage pump out facility and the marina South Guest Dock also has a pump out facility, which was funded by the California Department of Boating and Waterways. This pumpout is open 24-hours at no charge to the public.

Other services provided by this marina include: valet launching service, transient berths/tie-ups, restaurant, and a picnic area.

The marina has hosted many local yacht clubs since its opening. The Asparagus Festival brought many clubs as well as the 4th of July celebration. The local Stockton Ports baseball team put on a fabulous fire work show for the event. Currently the marina is working on the December Lighted Boat Parade.

Approximately 1.2 miles from the marina is the Morelli Park boat launch ramp, which consists of a four lane launch ramp, restroom, parking, and picnic facilities. Morelli Park has hosted rowing events for the University of Pacific and several Bass Tournaments, including the ESPN Bass Masters Tour.

The marina is surrounded by the beautiful Joan Darrow Promenade, which is a great location to come jog, walk, or fish. Local Stockton residents enjoy the promenade on a daily basis.

For more information or to schedule a tour call (209) 462-4200 or visit [www.stocktongov.com/redevelopment/downtownmarina.cfm](http://www.stocktongov.com/redevelopment/downtownmarina.cfm).

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