

8TH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO BAY OSPREYDAYS

FREE EVENT

**(boat trips–1.5 hrs
\$40 per person)**

**Watch for Facebook Live
coverage of our boat trips
and some of our tours.**

Nesting Osprey have flourished in San Francisco Bay since the early 2000's when the first successful nesting pair took up residence at the southernmost tip of Pier 34 at the mouth of the Napa River in the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve. This 2020 season, there are an estimated 100 nests.

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The Bay Area Osprey Coalition

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Photo: Lee Ann Tompkins Baker, Carquinez Strait Vallejo, CA

Osprey still soar, fish, nest, feed and fledge their young even in the time of the COVID19 pandemic. . .

This year has been an unspeakable challenge for me in particular and our whole team of dedicated scientists, researchers, guides, volunteers and our board of the Mare Island Heritage Trust. Following a series of fires in late September 2019, we as a nonprofit founder and funder through your donations, were removed by the City of Vallejo City Manager as operating managers of the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve, after 12 years of trusted and protective care of the Preserve. We are shattered and confused. We sincerely apologize for this last minute schedule. BUT, let's not let a tragic loss and a pandemic keep us from enjoying and experiencing our beloved osprey.

Myrna Hayes, President, Mare Island Heritage Trust



SEE OSPREY NESTS UP CLOSE ON BOAT CRUISES, JOIN GUIDED OSPREY WATCHING HIKES AND DRIVING TOURS, PARTICIPATE IN A CITIZEN SCIENCE ZOOM SLIDE SHOW, AND ENJOY FISH TACOS AT HOME OR AT YOUR FAVORITE EATERY [OSPREYS EAT FISH]. . .

Join together with members of the San Francisco Bay Osprey Coalition including Golden Gate Raptor Observatory volunteers leading the Baywide nest site monitoring and protection effort and local Audubon Society field trip leaders and many other local guides, as well as natural resource agency specialists in an exciting gathering to celebrate and learn about the growing curious phenomenon of osprey nesting in San Francisco Bay.

Saturday, July 4, 9:00am-10:30am Cruise the Napa River on the Lookout for Osprey: fishing, nests up close, nestlings and fledglings

Repeats Saturday, July 4, 11:00am-12:30pm

Come aboard Dolphin Charters for a 1.5-hour COVID19 -style social distancing boat cruise in the Mare Island Strait for up close views of osprey nests, possible peregrine falcon sighting and learn Mare Island history with Tony Brake, Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Bay Area Osprey Monitoring Director and Myrna Hayes, President, Mare Island Heritage Trust. \$40 per person. Space limited to only 15 persons. Leaves from Vallejo Marina. Call 510-527-9622 or 1-800-472-9942 or visit: dolphinscharters.com

Watch for Facebook Live coverage of our boat trips and some of our tours.

Saturday, July 4 10am-11:30am Guided Osprey, Great Blue Heron and Great Egret Viewing Hike in Mare Island Preserve

Repeats in the Mare Island Preserve Sunday, 9:30am-11:00am

Join Napa-Solano Audubon Society field guide Wally NeVille for a guided osprey watching walk in the Preserve. Bring binoculars, scopes, cameras (will you share or bring an extra pair?) and hike gear-hats, sunscreen, water for 1-mile roundtrip walk on a paved trail. Meet at the Mare Island Preserve parking lot

167 O'Hara Ct. at Azuar Dr. southern end of Mare Island in Vallejo, CA 94592. Call/text 707-249-9633.



Photo: Bill George, Aboard *River Dolphin* Napa River/Mare Island Strait Vallejo, CA

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Directions to Mare Island Preserve

The Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve is located at the southernmost end of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard. It has been assigned a number of addresses over the past 15 years. Thus, we have resorted to a number of excellent wayfinding signs and banners.

Unexplicably, as the City of Vallejo has both removed our nonprofit organization as the manager of the wildlands park, it has also removed ALL wayfinding signs and even the entrance sign. So, follow carefully, the directions given, here to the entrance at Correa Ct. @ Azuar Dr. On Mare Island in Vallejo, CA 94592

From the intersection of Tennessee St and Mare Island Way, continue on Tennessee St. across the Causeway to the deadend at Azuar Dr. Turn left onto Azuar Dr. And drive for 2 miles to the entrance of the Preserve through the gate to the parking lot.

Finally, feel free to call/text Myrna Hayes, at 707-249-9633.



Photo: Bill George, lightpole nest Napa River/Mare Island Strait Vallejo, CA

Saturday, July 4 1:30pm-3:30pm Guided Driving Tour of Mare Island Osprey Nest Sites with Tony Brake

Repeats Sunday, July 5 1:30pm-3:00pm with Myrna Hayes, President, Mare Island Heritage Trust

Tony Brake, Bay Area Osprey Monitoring Director, Golden Gate Raptor Observatory guides a caravan car driving and scope viewing tour of the Mare Island osprey nests on former shipyard cranes, buildingways, light poles and even a perched box placed by XKT Engineering as a deterrent nest site! Tony is a scientist, enthusiast and adventurer. There is no better person to help you observe nests and learn the fascinating life...in real time, of Bay Area osprey. Meet at the Vallejo Marina, K Dock parking lot to form the COVID 19-style social distancing car caravan (no carpools). Call/text Myrna Hayes, for assistance, if you get lost. 707-249-9633. See directions on page 5.

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Photo: Lee Ann Tompkins Baker, Osprey with striped bass. Napa River/Mare Island, Vallejo, CA...OR Carquinez Strait

Osprey's diet is 95% fish, so of course we think fish is the best menu for the weekend

We adore a new local restaurant in Vallejo called **La Cuchara** which serves fusion Salvadoran food. Eduardo, the owner, is a friend of our Mare Island Preserve and you'll love the great team and vibe. Be sure to tell Eduardo that Myrna sent you!

Their **Fish tacos** are out of this world! The entire menu is scrumptious. Trust me. I eat there several times a week. Fresh Agua Fresca Strawberry, Hibiscus and pineapple plus horchata and beers.

Address: 105 Couch St. Vallejo, CA 94590 The intersection of Sonoma Blvd/Hwy 29 and Couch St. It's round and red roofed with gloriously colorful paintings. Lots of outdoor seating.

Hours: 9:00am-8:00pm

Phone: 707-654-8242

**Sunday, July 5 9:30am-11:00am
Guided Osprey, Great Blue Heron and Great Egret Viewing Hike in the Mare Island Preserve with Marcia Grefsrud**

Repeats in the Mare Island Preserve Saturday, 10:00am-11:30am with Napa-Solano Audubon Society Field Guide Wally NeVille

Marcia Grefsrud is a very knowledgeable birder and tremendous naturalist. You'll be on the lookout for osprey of course, but great blue herons and great egrets on and off nests, hawks, kites, songbirds and woodpeckers, too. Bring binoculars, scopes, cameras (will you share or bring an extra pair?) and hike gear- hats, sunscreen, water for a 1 mile walk on paved trail.

Meet at the Mare Island Preserve parking lot 167 O'Hara Ct. at Azuar Dr. southern end of Mare Island in Vallejo, CA 94592. Call/text 707-249-9633. Directions to the Preserve on page 3.



Photo: Bill George, osprey nest above and great blue heron nest below on this light pole condo in the former Mare Island Naval Ammunition Depot, Napa River/Mare Island Strait Vallejo, CA

Sunday, July 5 11:30am-12:45pm A Zoom Presentation *(see Zoom details below left)*
“Continued Expansion of Osprey Nesting in San Francisco Bay”

Join Golden Gate Raptor Observatory’s volunteer Bay Osprey Monitoring Director, Tony Brake for yet another packed presentation about the nesting osprey population in San Francisco Bay which has grown and expanded southward over the last decade, with over 40 nest now active between Vallejo and the South Bay. Since almost all of the nests are on human-made

structures, there have been numerous cases of nest removal and disturbance. Nesting on problematic structures is easily solved by the installation of alternative artificial nest structures. This has been accomplished for about ten nesting pairs so far. Continued education of wildlife agencies, biology consulting firms and property managers about this approach will allow this iconic species to continue to expand and thrive in San Francisco Bay.

How to join Tony’s Zoom presentation

To join this Zoom presentation, it’s pretty easy...we just need your email to send you an invite from our volunteer Zoom host, Paul Richards. We certainly won’t share or sell your email or even keep it, unless you want me to add you to our newsletter updates I send about Mare Island from time to time.

Send your email to myrnahayes@mac.com

Vallejo Marina: Saturday car caravan starting point 42 Harbor Way Vallejo, CA

From Interstate 80/Tennessee St Exit, continue west on Tennessee St to Mare Island Way. Turn left onto Mare Island Way. Turn right at the 1st light onto Harbor Way. Turn left at the first driveway into the parking lot.

From I-780/Curtola Parkway Exit, continue on Mare Island Way to Harbor Way. Turn left. Follow directions above.

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Meet at the Mare Island Conference Center, 375 G St. Vallejo CA 94592 (the first building on the left as you cross the “Blue Bridge-Wichels Causeway” onto Mare Island from Vallejo, to form COVID 19-style social distancing car caravan (no carpools) to the various nest sites throughout the Island. Call/text Myrna Hayes, for assistance, if you get lost. 707-249-9633. Follow Tennessee St. directions from I-80, (see Marina directions left). Instead of turning onto Mare Island Way, continue straight across Causeway to first left at Nimitz Ave. and parking lot next to 375 G St.