

Working With Partners to Build Strong Stewardship Practices



Lake Berryessa

Boater Outreach Program



It all started with a guy with a vision



In the beginning...



BILGEE
AND THE
WATER PROTECTOR BOAT
will be on the lake & at the docks
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



DON'T MISS US!

Take the
"Water Protector" pledge
and receive a beautiful patch
at your next guide.

POWERS The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership,
The Bureau of Reclamation and The Lake Berryessa Resorts

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go jump
in the
(clean) lake

Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership

The Lake Berryessa Boater Outreach Program – Modern Version

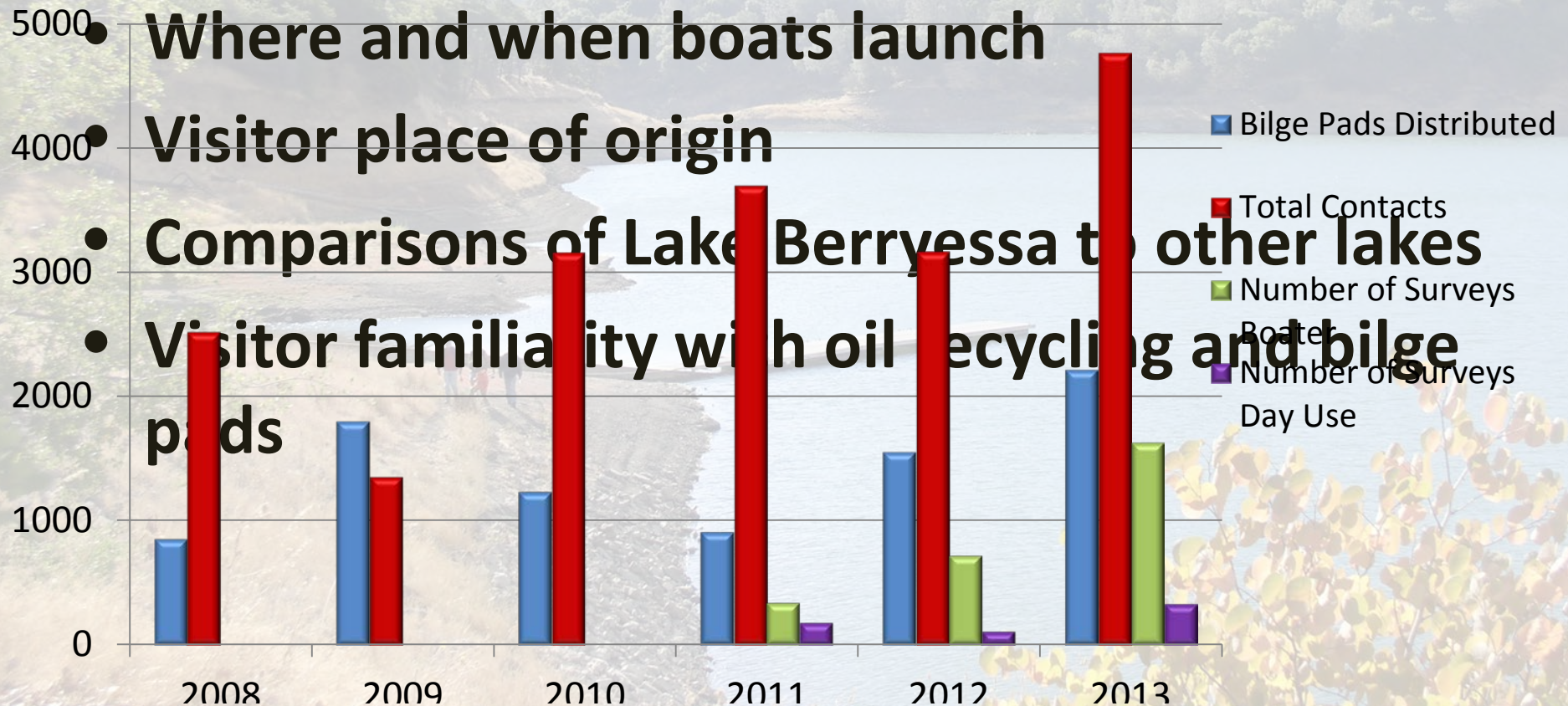


- Summer Water Quality Interns
- Intern presence at the lake every weekend of the summer, starting with Memorial Day and ending Labor Day
- A team approach to present a 5-part message

Developing and Tracking Data

Interns compile data about:

- Outreach totals



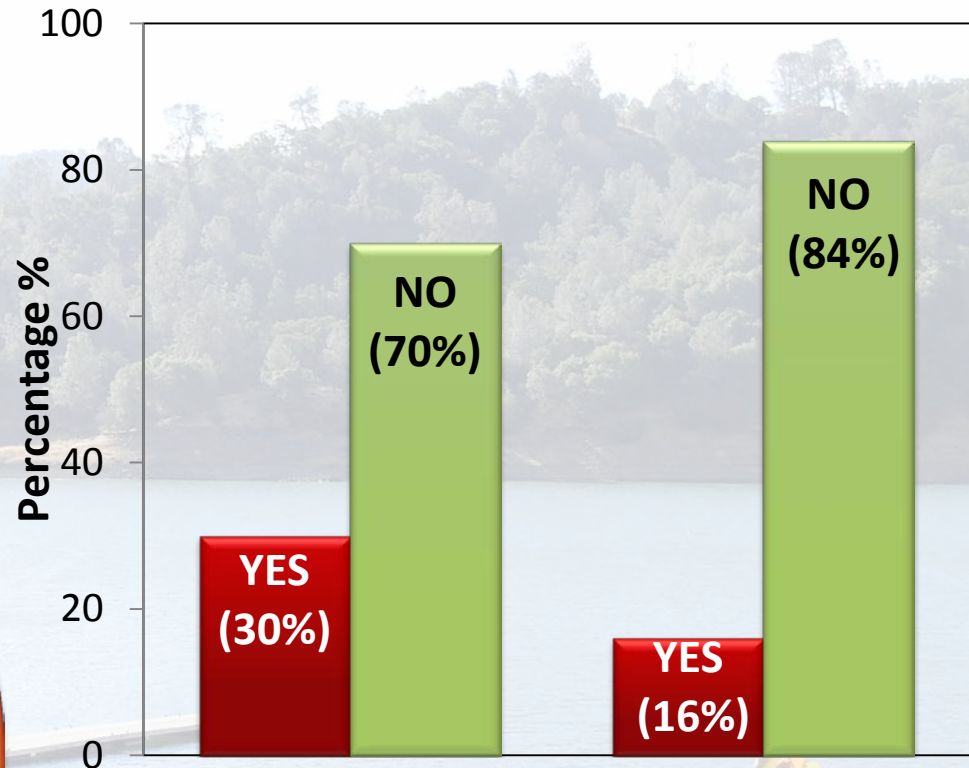
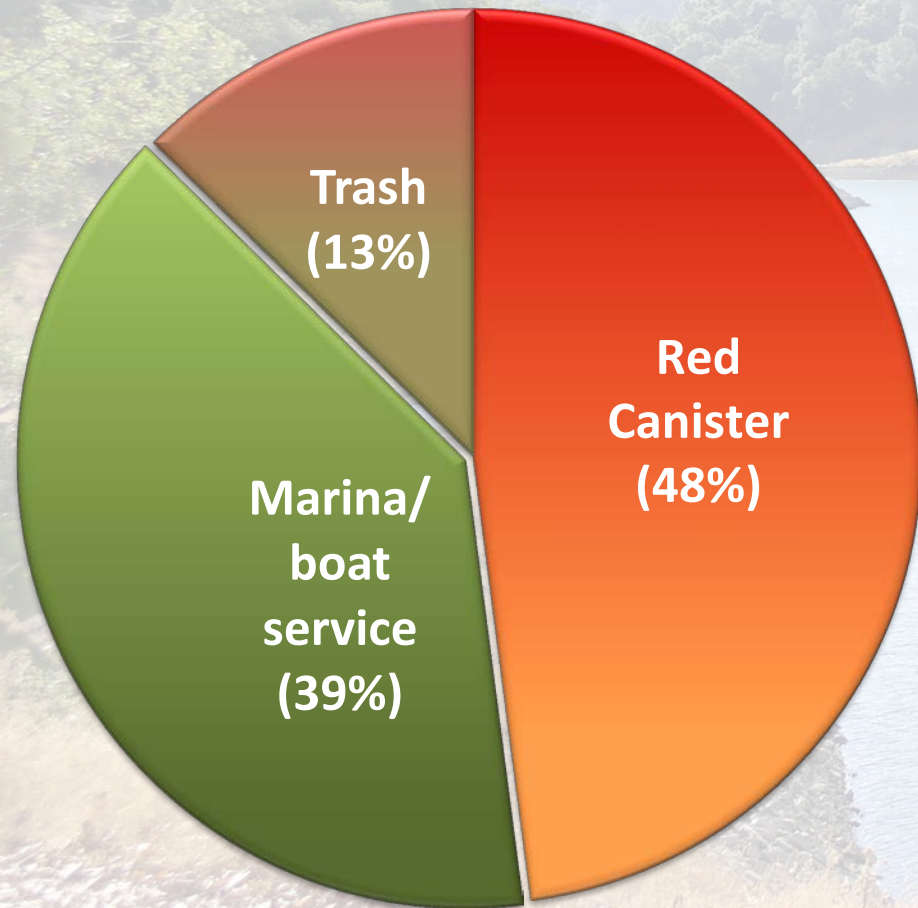
• Where and when boats launch

• Visitor place of origin

• Comparisons of Lake Berryessa to other lakes

• Visitor familiarity with oil recycling and bilge pads

Bilge Pad Data 2013



"Have you ever used a bilge pad in the past?"

"Do you know where the red canisters are located?"

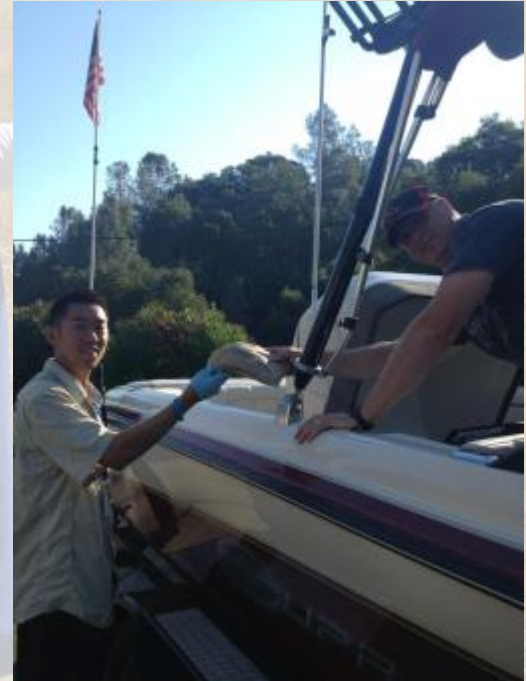
The Gist of Our Program

Interns deliver an efficient, friendly 5-point message:

- 1. People drink this water!**
- 2. Keep oil and engine fluids out of the lake**
- 3. Keep recyclables and garbage out of the lake**
- 4. Always use a restroom**
- 5. Keep aquatic invasives out of the Lake**

Multiple Points of Engagement

- When boaters launch their vessels
- Through boater/visitor surveys

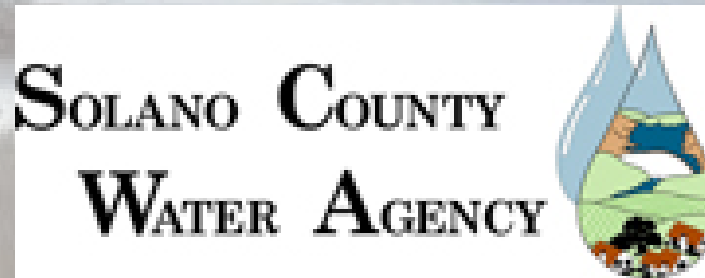


Multiple Points of Engagement

- Helping to prevent aquatic invasive infestation
- Connecting with shore and day visitors



Working with Watershed Partners



Statistics



In the summer of 2013, the program interns:

- **Engaged in direct contact with 4,769 lake visitors**
- **Distributed 2,214 bilge pads at various resorts**
- **Administered 1,628 oil surveys to boaters**
- **Motivated 51% of boats to install a bilge pad on the spot**
- **Encouraged the recycling of bilge pads at the lake**

Program Accomplishments



Intern accomplishments during the 2013 season:

- Delivered one-on-one education
- Managed the bilge pad exchange program
- Participated in two cleanups
- Wrote weekly summaries with photos
- Compiled data for final report and presentation

Taking our message beyond the Lake

- Program Video



- Facebook page for Bilgee the Bilge Pad

Bilgee | Facebook

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Keep me logged in Forgot your password?

Bilgee is on Facebook.
To connect with Bilgee, sign up for Facebook today.
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Bilgee
10 likes · 1 talking about this

Public Figure
Since 2005, Bilgee has been hard at work spreading the word about keeping Lake Berryessa water clean and healthy for drinking, recreation, industry and wildlife. You can spot him around the lake on weekends and at special events!

About Photos Likes Events

Highlights

Bilgee
October 4

Coastal Cleanup Day Update!!!

Coastal Cleanup Day was a big success this year despite the unexpected weather. At Lake Berryessa there were two

Bilgee
October 4

Coastal Cleanup Day 2013 (4 photos)





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- RCD website's boater outreach page

How this approach works with our other education programs

Solano RCD provides hands-on, field trip-based watershed education programs

Three linked programs reaching over 4,000 students in the 2013/2014 school year:

- 3rd grade Watershed Explorers Program: 3,000 students**
- 6th grade Suisun Marsh Watershed Education Program: 870 students**
- High School Biomonitoring Program: 300 students**

Our Audience is Everyone

Watershed Explorers fosters learning experiences that help them understand:

- **impact of storm water on their watershed (i.e. oil)**
- **stewardship practices**
- **the difference between native and non-native, invasive plants**



Participants Come Away With:

Concrete ideas about what they, their families and friends can do:

- **Recycle their used oil and keep it out of the storm drain system**
- **Plant native plants for habitat and climate change protection**



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