

Pepper Park Boat Launch Ramp Work Extended

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The public boat launch ramp at [Pepper Park](#) in National City will be closed until April 2009 to allow for the design and construction of concrete retaining walls that will protect the rock slopes next to it.

The concrete launch ramp was demolished and is being replaced with a new, eight-lane boat launching ramp and two, 10-foot wide boarding floats. Work was estimated to be completed by February, but will now be finished in April, to allow time to obtain an Army Corps of Engineers Permit for the construction of the retaining walls. The walls will protect the rock slopes and prevent them from moving.

In addition to the ramp work, the project includes slurry sealing and re-striping of the parking lot at Pepper Park. R.E. Staite Engineering, Inc., is the contractor for the \$1.1 million project, which is being co-sponsored by the Port and the California Department of Boating and Waterways. The project is being paid for with state grant funds and Port funds.

The Port of San Diego has three other public boat launch ramps available for use in San Diego Bay. These are located at the [Chula Vista Marina](#) on Marina Way, the Glorietta Bay launch ramp next to Coronado City Hall on Strand Way, and the [Shelter Island launch ramp](#) on Shelter Island Drive.