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🔍 The wait is over for South Bay boating fans. The Port of San Diego's public boat launch ramp at Pepper Park in National City is now open for business and just in time for the busy spring and summer boating season.

The ramp had been closed on and off since December 2007 because of a construction project. Originally built in 1969, the original launch ramp had become too small for the busy area and the excessive use necessitated repairs. Co-sponsored by the Port and the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the original concrete launch ramp was demolished and replaced with an eight-lane boat launching ramp. In addition, two 10-foot wide boarding floats were installed. The result is a modern launch ramp that is safer.

The \$1.1 million improvement project also included new retaining walls to protect the shoreline, as well as slurry sealing and re-striping of the parking lot.