



Biodiesel on the Bay

Harborcraft Opportunities and Obstacles

San Francisco Biodiesel Task Force

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Harborcraft

- **Commercial vessels: 4,000 in California**
- **Mostly fishing 2,500; ferries 400, tugboats 128**
- **Bay Area – about 20 ferries for commuter and charter service**
- **Also fishing, tugs, crew boats, others ?**
- **All use diesel fuel**



Harborcraft annual diesel use



- **California:**
 - **Commercial: 82 million gallons**
 - **Recreational: 5 million gallons**
- **Bay Area:**
 - **Commercial: 27 million gallons per year**
 - **Recreational: 400,000 gallons per year**
- **By January 1, 2007, all must use California formulated ultra-low sulfur on-road diesel**
- **Red-dyed for off-road use, no federal highway tax**

Biodiesel and California diesel



Air Resources Board

- Biodiesel is considered an alternative diesel fuel
- B20 is considered the same as California diesel as long as it meets specifications
- B21 to B49 is allowed but not recommended by Air Resources Board due to lack of specifications and air quality concerns
- B50 to B100 exempt from ARB diesel regulations – cannot be substituted
- ARB reviewing biodiesel policy – not clear
- Governor's bio-fuels directive could help

New CA harborcraft regulations

- **Public process now under way for new engine standards for existing harborcraft fleet in California**
- **Discussions include use of biodiesel as a way to comply**
- **Uncertain due to ARB's lack of a formal policy**
- **Proposal goes to board in February 2007, new standards begin in 2008 to 2014 for engine emissions**

Ferry operators and biodiesel

- **Red and White Fleet: using B20, trucked in and pumped “over the water”**
 - **Advocates need for marine fueling station for ferries and other harborcraft**
- **Hornblower: will use B20 in generators on Alcatraz, possibly vessels in future**
- **Water Transit Authority: committed to using B20 on one route, no timeline**
- **Golden Gate Ferry – reviewing, possible use of B5 to improve lubricity in diesel**
- **Blue and Gold – no biodiesel, Oski study**



West Coast Maritime use

- **Channel Island State Park, research vessel and generators**
- **Ventura Harbor, 100 percent biodiesel at pump**
- **US Navy at Port Hueneme – making biodiesel for fleet**
- **Washington State ferries – suspended B20 pilot project due to clogging of filters; possibly due to growth in biodiesel holding tanks**
- **Hawaii charter vessels, research vessels**

Marine Biodiesel Obstacles

- **Biodiesel air emissions profile and concerns – increases in NO_x, benefits over ultra-low sulfur not clear**
- **ARB regulations – uncertain policy**
- **Availability – no marine fueling station, trucking is costly and could increase potential for spills**
- **Operations – no fuel specification standards, power loss, engine operations (minor but sometimes a problem)**

Marine Biodiesel Opportunities

- **Costs: B20 now selling for the same as CA diesel for maritime**
- **More pressure for harborcraft to clean up**
- **City of SF commitment to biodiesel**
- **High visibility, great press**
- **Good for the environment – not just emissions but reduce dependence on fossil fuels**
- **Create renewable fuels jobs in SF, CA**



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This one-week pilot project is part of a cooperative effort between Red and White Fleet and Bluewater Network to establish a marine biodiesel fueling station for all ferries, fishing boats, yachts and other harborcraft along the San Francisco Waterfront.

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Next steps

- **Next steps**
 - Explore marine biodiesel fueling station
 - Pier J10? Golden Gate Petroleum could provide tanks and biodiesel; General Petroleum could sell and pump
- **Biodiesel Days on the Waterfront**
truck in biodiesel one day or several days to promote and test market
- **Pass City Resolution to Reward Harborcraft that use B20 or more**
 - preferential docking? Green award? Listing on City website? Proclamation from mayor?
- **Establish maritime subcommittee with port, ferry operator, biodiesel distributor, fisher, yachtsman, enviros**

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