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## **THRIVING OAKLAND WATERFRONT MAKES JACK LONDON SQUARE THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR BOATERS**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (April 6, 2015)** – Situated along the Oakland/Alameda estuary, Jack London Square is Oakland's only publicly accessible mixed-use waterfront area making it the perfect daytrip destination for boaters looking to enjoy recreation, dining and entertainment. Easily accessed off San Francisco Bay, the free public docks are located behind Scott's Seafood Restaurant and just south of the Waterfront Hotel. Boaters can dock and fuel up at Almar Marina where gas, diesel and ice are available.

From on-land to in-water activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Jack London Square including bike rentals from Bay Area Bikes; kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding with California Canoe & Kayak; a playground for little ones; tours of the historic Presidential Yacht USS Potomac; yacht charter for sails on the Bay and more. For visitors wanting to venture a little further into Oakland, the Free B shuttle provides free transportation throughout the city; and San Francisco is a short ferry ride away.

Jack London Square has evolved into a thriving restaurant and entertainment destination, with a range of dining experiences attractive to a variety of culinary aficionados. Those in search of an elegant experience can try Italian-inspired Lungomare or Michelin-star rated chef Daniel Patterson's Haven. Forge Pizza offers a California hip 'n' casual experience with its fire roasted artisan pizzas, while Pan-American kitchen Bocanova has become known for embracing the cultural sensibilities of Central and South America.

The most recent addition, Jack's Oyster Bar & Fish House, offers the perfect waterfront spot to enjoy classic California seafood with a few interesting twists. Plank is a new entertainment venue offering a full-service restaurant featuring diverse urban cuisine, 18 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, an outdoor beer garden with bocce ball courts, three full-service bars, interactive games, live entertainment and more. Set on the waterfront, Rosenblum Cellars pours more than 20 types of wines and is open daily for tastings. For a sweet treat, stop by Miette to enjoy a selection of seasonal cakes, cupcakes,

cookies, confections and more. Visitors can also revel in some long-standing establishments: Hahn's Hibachi, Il Pescatore Ristorante, Kincaid's, Scott's Seafood Restaurant and Yoshi's Oakland, or step back in time with a libation at Oakland's first beer tavern, Heinold's First and Last Chance Saloon.

Home to some of the Bay Area's biggest free events year-round, Jack London Square hosts the one-of-a-kind Pedalfest celebrating all things cycling, the largest in-the-water sailboat show on the west coast, April 9-12, 2015, the Eat Real Festival, annual Fourth of July Festival and annual holiday tree lighting ceremony. From holidays in December to warm evenings in July, Jack London Square offers a plethora of free events, just steps away from the waterfront docks.

For additional information about Jack London Square, call 510/645-9292, visit [www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com) or follow Jack London Square at [www.facebook.com/jacklondonsquare](http://www.facebook.com/jacklondonsquare), [www.twitter.com/jacklondonsq](http://www.twitter.com/jacklondonsq) and [www.instagram.com/jacklondonsq](http://www.instagram.com/jacklondonsq).

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