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AT MARINA PUBLIC LAUNCH RAMP — Volunteers in kayaks head out to clean up Marina waters for Earth Day. (Argonaut photo by Helen O'Niell)

minutes only.

Thanks for helping.

CLEANING UP MARINA — Marina waters were cleaned up as part of the recent Earth Day ob-

servances.

Kayaks and small boats were used to help clean the waters in the Marina of debris.

The public launch ramp was filled with people, kayaks, inflat-

ables and small powerboats participating in the effort.

It was impressive to see as many as 350 people all lined up, waiting to get aboard their kayaks and boats to help this great effort.

One really needs to be near the county public boat launch on weekends throughout the year to see how much the boat launch is used and how many thousands of people use the launch ramp to enjoy the sport of boating.

The Ocean Conservation Society and the Dolphin Project certainly brought out a lot of people to help clean up the Marina waters.

There was a range of ages helping out — and a few dogs as well.

One blond Lab jumped aboard his owner's boat, took possession and was quickly ready to help clean up the Marina.

A black Lab, named Bruyl, aided his master Jose Shaur, and was keeping track of 12 kayaks his master had donated to the project.

Young people representing six schools came from as far away as Sherman Oaks.

There were students from Venice High School, Brentwood and Crossroads High Schools, Culver City Middle and High School and two private schools, Lycée Français and Williams Community.

Yacht clubs assisting included Santa Monica Windjammers' Yacht Club, California Yacht Club and other yacht clubs from around Santa Monica Bay.

Also participating were the Women's Sailing Association, the

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UCLA Aquatic Center, county lifeguards, Sheriff's and County Fire Department personnel and the County Department of Beaches and Harbors staff.

It was great to see all these happy people waiting to clean up our waters and clean they did.

What a wonderful way to aid everyone who uses and enjoys the waters of Marina del Rey.

Thanks to all of you.



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DURING "CLEAN THE MARINA DAY" — "Bruyl" and owner Jose Shaur. (Argonaut photo by Helen O'Niell)

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