



## Aquatic Park | San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, CA *Sternwheeler, Sailing Ship, SF Bay and Angel Island, 1949* Hubert Buel | From the San Francisco Maritime NHP museum collection [SAFR 14665]

Aquatic Park is a designed historic landscape in San Francisco's waterfront, located west of Fisherman's Wharf. In the 1930s and '40s, the Federal Works Progress Administration and the City of San Francisco Department of Public Works collaborated on developing this area. It included three buildings designed in the streamline moderne style, ten structures, the Sea Scouts Building, the Municipal Pier and seawall. Significant planning and construction of Aquatic Park took place between 1920 and 1945. The Aquatic Park Bathhouse, constructed between 1936 and 1939, is the focal point of the historic district. The landscape is composed of complex circulation patterns, large open grassy areas, a bathing beach, a lagoon, and some of the best views of San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate Bridge, and Alcatraz Island. Hubert Buel (1915 - 1984), was a prolific California watercolor artist for more than 50 years. The majority of his works were painted with transparent watercolors. The watercolor shown here shows a portion of the park and an early proposal for exhibiting the historic ships.

*Characteristic of the streamline moderne style, an emphasis on clean lines required maintenance of clipped hedges, trimmed lawn, and edging along the walkways. View looking east from the Bathhouse, 1953 (San Francisco Maritime NHP, Historic Documents, Photograph Collection, A12.17,547.1).*

