

A Note on San Francisco's Weather

Mark Twain once famously observed that “The coldest winter he ever spent was a summer in San Francisco.” While the NCRA conference will not be held in summer (rather extremely late spring) that time of year is prone to foggy, windy and downright cold weather. Thus, despite the season, come prepared for all types of weather in San Francisco (although rain is extremely unlikely). San Francisco has what is known as “advection fog” which differs from regular fog in that it is generally accompanied by wind—as high as 20-30 miles per hour. If the ambient temperature is in the high 50’s or early 60’s with a strong wind it can seem like 30-40 degrees F. In short, come prepared with windbreakers and warm clothes. Note: it could also be quite warm during the conference so prepare for all possibilities. The Fisherman’s Wharf area is near San Francisco Bay and thus is prone to wind. It should also be noted that San Francisco sits at the end of a long peninsula and is surrounded on three sides by water. The Pacific Ocean is the source of the City’s famous fog.