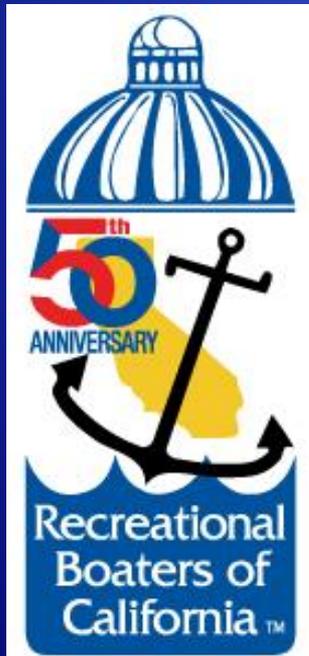


RBOC:

The boating community's voice in Sacramento
and beyond

Works to protect boaters' interests before state
legislative and regulatory branches

For over 50 Years and Running!



Recreational Boating

AN AMERICAN PASTIME & ECONOMIC ENGINE



ANNUAL ECONOMIC
IMPACT IN CALIFORNIA

\$13 BILLION

INCLUDES MANUFACTURERS
AND SUPPLIERS, SALES AND
SERVICES, BOATING ACTIVITIES,
AND BUSINESS TAX REVENUE

SUPPORTS

41,125
CALIFORNIA JOBS
28,749 DIRECT JOBS &
12,376 INDIRECT JOBS

2,820
BUSINESSES IN CA



141.6 MILLION
AMERICANS GO BOATING EACH YEAR



U.S. BOATING
IS A NET EXPORTER

\$1.3 BILLION

ANNUAL BOAT EXPORTS




745,641
REGISTERED BOATS IN CALIFORNIA





ANNUAL RETAIL SALES
OF NEW BOATS, ENGINES
& MARINE ACCESSORIES
IN CALIFORNIA

\$718 MILLION



95%

OF BOATS SOLD IN THE
U.S. ARE
made in the U.S.



62%

OF BOAT OWNERS HAVE
AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD
INCOME OF
\$100,000 or less



84%

OF U.S. BOAT
MANUFACTURERS ARE
small businesses



95%

OF BOATS IN THE U.S. ARE
SMALL, TOWABLE BOATS
under 26ft

SOURCES: Unless otherwise noted, data is from the NMMA 2017 Recreational Boating Statistical Abstract, NMMA 2018 Boating Economic Impact Study, and NMMA's 2016 Recreational Boating Participation Study.

www.nmma.org  National Marine Manufacturers Association

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC)



ADVOCATING IN THE STATE CAPITOL

RBOC has been protecting your boating interests since 1968 as the nonprofit advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before state and local government.

RBOC engages in advocacy efforts on legislation and regulations, supporting proposals that would enhance recreational boating, and opposing proposals that would have a detrimental impact on the state's three million boating enthusiasts.

The organization's advocacy efforts include testimony in public hearings, meetings with elected officials, preparation of amendments to alleviate potential problems with specific bills, as well as the sponsorship of pro-active legislation to benefit the recreational boater.

RBOC also works closely in partnership with Boat U.S. on federal legislative and regulatory issues important to boaters.

Directors and Leaders of RBOC



If RBOC did not exist...

- Access to recreational boating on California's coast, the Delta and lakes would be restricted
- Boater fees and taxes would have been increased without your knowledge or consent
- Boater-generated funds would have been regularly raided for non-boating programs
- Vessel operators certification would have been handled by DMV instead of DBW
- Copper-based bottom paints would be banned without viable substitutes being available



Current Issues (1 of 4)

- **Copper- based Anti-fouling Paints**
 - California boaters are concerned as regional water boards adopt regulations impacting the ability of boaters to utilize effective antifouling paints containing copper, without conducting the site specific studies that would provide data that pertains to the impacted water bodies.
- **Boating and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**
 - RBOC opposes the California WaterFix that, as revised to one tunnel, would still significantly impede navigation and harm Delta recreation. Instead, efforts should be made to provide additional water storage capacity.
- **Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation -(Postponed from 2020)**
 - Boaters support the goal of promoting sustainable outdoor recreation as well as economic development and job growth within the outdoor recreation economy provided the new entity does not tap into boater funds utilized for other programs. - AB 1111 [Friedman] – Assembly Print

Current Issues (2 of 4)

- **Definition of Boat Operator – (Postponed from 2020)**
 - RBOC is reviewing the proposed revision of the definition of “operator” in Harbors and Navigation Code Section 651 to include: (1) the person on board who is steering the vessel while underway; (2) the person on board who is responsible for the operation of the vessel while underway; and (3) the person who is at least 18 years of age and who is attentive and supervising the operation of the vessel by a person 12, 13, 14, or 15 years of age. AB 1183 [Ramos] – Assembly Print
- **Vessel Impoundment - BUI - (Postponed from 2020)**
 - RBOC is reviewing the proposed authorization for a court to order the impoundment of a vessel for a period of not less than one nor more than 30 days, if the registered owner is convicted of a specified crime involving the operation of a vessel while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any drug, or the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug and the conduct resulted in the unlawful killing of a person. SB 393 [Stone] – Senate Rules
- **Boater Rights Aboard Their Vessels – Passed but amended to allow smoking on vessels**
 - Legislation aimed at preventing smoking in state parks should not be interpreted as prohibiting boaters from deciding to smoke within the confines of their own private vessels. - AB 1718 [Levine] – Assembly Print, SB 8 [Glazer] – Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife

Current Issues (3 of 4)

- **Chemical Toilet Deodorants (Postponed from 2020)**
 - A prohibition against the sale or use of chemical toilet deodorants in recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds will also impact recreational boaters and their boats. Any ban should be predicated upon the availability of effective and affordable biodegradable chemicals. SB 317 [Caballero] - Senate Rules
- **12-Month Fishing License (Postponed from 2020)**
 - RBOC is supporting these bills that would provide that a sport fishing license is valid for 12 consecutive months, instead of a calendar year. AB 1227 [Oberholte] – Assembly Print, AB 1387 [Wood] – Assembly Print

Current Issues (4 of 4)

- **State Parks Reorganization Plan - Ongoing**
 - As State Parks implements its Reorganization Plan, it is important that the Governor appoint a Deputy Director of the Division of Boating and Waterways [DBW] who has the vision, leadership, authority, oversight, accountability and transparency to ensure that boating programs and services are continued and enhanced.
- **Boater Funds Dedicated to Boater Programs - Ongoing**
 - Boater fuel tax dollars and registration fees should be dedicated to programs and services benefiting boaters. RBOC is pleased that Governor Newsom's proposed budget for DBW for the state's upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year proposes \$36.7 million for state operations [57.3 positions], \$47.2 million for local assistance, and \$3 million for capital outlay.
- **Regulatory Overreach [BCDC] –Enacted 2020**
 - RBOC supports the timely completion and publication of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee's audit of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission that will investigate BCDC's enforcement activities, adherence to its mission, funding and operational needs and structure. The Commission's statutory charter should be revised to recognize, protect and enhance recreational boating, and to reflect the structure of the Coastal Commission regarding the number and appointment of commissioners.

What You Can Do

- Join RBOC in contacting state legislators regarding these and other issues
- Sign up at rboc.org to receive email updates and calls to action
- Work with your local agencies to keep new regulations reasonable and fair
- Join *Friends of RBOC* and support this important effort
- Contact me at bumpus@rboc.org

