

Classes of Membership

REGULAR MEMBER: A non-profit national, state, or regional association of recreational boaters other than a yacht or boat club. Regular Members select Delegates to the Federation who are entitled to vote at NBF meetings.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A water-oriented organization, federal or state agency, or persons with an interest in water recreation which do not qualify for regular membership.

CLUB MEMBER: Any one boat or yacht club, other local group of recreational boating individuals which does not qualify as a Regular Member.

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: A person, or persons of the same household, wishing to support the Federation.

For much more about National Boating Federation, please visit our website at:

<http://www.n-b-f.org>

The website offers you an ability by link to join our Facebook page, and our eBulletin. We work to provide you information with the least effort on your part.

We are enlisting your support as we continue to provide services for Recreational Boaters, which we have been doing for over 50 years..

Send the completed membership form within this document to:

**Carolyn Belmore
Treasurer
112 Saddleback Lane
Falmouth, MA 02536**

You may also join online from our website, if you choose, and we accept electronic payment through that venue. Visit us at:

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**NATIONAL BOATING
FEDERATION**



**THE FEDERATION OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE
RECREATIONAL BOATING ORGANIZATIONS**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail To: Treasurer Carolyn Belmore
112 Saddleback Lane
Falmouth, MA 02536

Donation \$ _____

Regular = \$200 Associate = \$100 Club = \$50 Family = \$35 Individual = \$25

Name(s): _____ (Please print.) (List Delegate if Regular Membership and both names if Family Membership)

Organization: _____ (Optional, except for Regular, Associate, and Club Members)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Complete information above and send to the address listed above.

Representing America's Boaters

Founded in 1966, the National Boating Federation (NBF), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is the largest nationwide alliance of recreational boating organizations. NBF also has associate, club/sustaining, family, and individual memberships, representing over 2,000,000 of America's Recreational Boaters.

NBF promotes safe boating through education, acts as a legislative watchdog, advocates for favorable boating legislation.

NBF represents no commercial interests and sells no products.

NBF's Officers and Directors are all volunteers with strong backgrounds in all aspects of recreational boating.

Support of the National Boating Federation is in the best interests of all recreational boaters. Our Associate Members, despite slightly different perspectives, share a mutual deep concern for the well being of our waterways and their best use.

Your membership, support, and donations will result in a stronger voice.

Our efforts continue to bear fruit. We have rewritten the definition of 'consideration' which now permits your friends to share your racing and cruising costs. We led the outcry over fuel storage regulations and participated in the final rule writing which, unaltered, would have closed most recreational marine fuel docks, and their pump-out amenities. Our stringent support for full funding of the Sport Fishing and Boating Trust Fund, formerly the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund, (our fuel taxes) and Coast Guard approval of inflatable life preservers have been successful. We supported the effort to obtain a 40-year exemption for recreational boats from Clean Water Act provisions that would have required nearly every boat to get a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for any discharge (including engine cooling and graywater) into the water. Our comments are heard and carefully considered by such diverse agencies as the Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Fish and Wildlife, and of course, the

Halls of Congress.

Many of recreational boating's biggest battles must be fought in our nation's Capitol. In over 50 years of continuous service, our volunteers still advocate recreational boaters' interests before Congress and federal agencies. Conversely, our officers and directors vast and varied experience is available to lend counsel and assistance with local issues, when requested.

The National Boating Federation advocates and supports the education of all boaters, and applauds the dedicated volunteers who teach so many, so effectively.

You can count on your National Boating Federation's continuing commitment to represent the interests of the recreational boating community.

The eBulletin, official publication of the National Boating Federation, keeps you and your members, as well as Congress, Coast Guard Districts, and state boating officials abreast of pending rules and legislation of interest or concern to recreational boaters.

Following are some of our present positions:

- Support adding electronic aids to navigation, while maintaining physical aids to navigation.
- Advocate the removal of ethanol from marine fuel
- Advocate mandatory boating safety education for all boaters
- Advocate children 12 and under wearing life jackets on boats while underway
- Advocate permanent authorization of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund
- Support the retention of existing boating access facilities and obtaining increased future access
- Support the Clean Vessel Act
- Support Clean Marina programs

For more clarification, and much more information, please visit NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION at: www.n-b-f.org