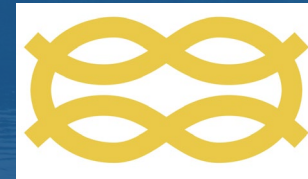


# 2022

## ANNUAL MEETING

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# **RBAW 2023**

## **Legislative & Regulatory Priorities**



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# RBAW Advocacy

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



# **Our advocacy for recreational boating has broadened extensively... protecting our rights and driving for boating opportunities**

State Legislature in Olympia WA

Local Regulatory Issues

State Agency Initiatives

Federal Regulatory Matters

Stakeholders and Coalitions



# State Legislative Priorities

## Initiative

Request Funding for **Lakebay Marina** redevelopment

## RBAW Action

Partner with DNR on funding asks via a Boating Facilities Program (BFP) competitive grant application and requests for 2023-25 Capital Budget dollars - \$3.7m total

Expand **mobile vessel pump-out capabilities** on key waterways

Partner on 2023-25 State Capital Budget request to supplement Federal “Clean Vessel Act” funding by as much as \$2 million. Mobile pump-out expansion is top focus.

Continued funding for **Lake Union Water Safety Initiative** (#MindTheZone)

RBAW has secured \$62k from the Seattle City Budget for summer 2023 and will potentially seek incremental funding from the State Legislature and private funding



# State Legislative Priorities

## Initiative

Support \$20 million DNR request and policy change for **removal and cleanup of derelict structures**

## RBAW Action

Support with key refinements to increase incentive fund for >\$2m and more explicit mitigation assistance. Enable non-profit organizations to partner on acquiring derelict structures.

Oppose any efforts to increase the **Watercraft Excise Tax** on vessels

Continue longstanding policy of actively opposing any increase to the Watercraft Excise Tax – as we did in 2021.

Refresh 2010 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) **study on Activities Supporting Recreational Boating In Washington**

Request update to understand revenue in vs. services delivered for recreational boating. In 2010 there was a \$17M underspend on recreational boating services and activities.

Late breaking: **Increase SRKW buffer to 1000 yards**

TBD



# Regulatory Matters, Agency & Budget Initiatives

## Initiative

Fairest assessment of older vessels in **Watercraft Excise Tax Depreciation Schedule**

Drive **Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP)** funding to key programs

Monitor Marina permit process instituted by **National Marine Fisheries Service** and **Army Corps of Engineers**

## RBAW Action

RBAW will continue to fight for a fairer schedule for boaters and has begun high-level meetings with the Department of Revenue (DOR) that will focus on changes to the state law governing the Depreciation Schedule.

Direct funding to the Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) and bolster the removal of vessels from non-public lands.

Work closely with NMTA, Ports, and others in support of marinas and outstation owners which seek to do upgrades. Address within Derelict Structure request to help with mitigation funding.





# Regulatory Matters, Agency & Budget Initiatives

## Initiative

## RBAW Action

Grow state recreational boating capacity via expansion and new initiatives

Work with State Parks, DNR, and others to develop a more aggressive game plan to add mooring buoys and development of a stern-tie pilot program

Expedite and simplify Department of National Resources (DNR) Aquatics Land Lease processes

Along with partners at NMTA, hold regular quarterly “problem-solving” meetings with DNR and identify ways to expedite and simplify over-water lease renewal process for Marina and outstation owners

Capitol Lake Management Study

Assist Olympia Yacht Club, Port of Olympia and others in a “Waterfront Alliance” promoting a ‘Managed Lake’ alternative and ensuring above all else that any solution will hold OYC and others harmless financially



# Local Initiatives & Priorities

## Initiative

## RBAW Action

Protect the Funding and Operations of the **Seattle Harbor Patrol** to restore personnel and enforcement which have been depleted

Continue to lead coalition to work with Seattle City leaders in an effort to ensure funding is allocated to appropriate levels and be involved in study of manpower and equipment needs.

Oppose any efforts to close **Andrews Bay** to boating and anchoring, or limit its use

Monitor for any actions and continue to defend recreational boating in Andrews Bay, to include support of SHP enhancement patrols.

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**RBAW Organizational Members to  
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**2023 Legislative & Regulatory  
Priorities**



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