



REGISTER TODAY for the 3rd Annual 'California Boating Congress' set for February 27 - 28, 2018

For the third year in a row, the CBC will bring the marine industry and boating community together at the California State Capital to advocate for issues affecting this important part of our state's economy and culture, and ***chart the future of boating policy in California.***

This year's Congress will kick off Tuesday evening, February 27th, with a cocktail reception for attendees at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, [1209 L. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814](#), with the main event commencing Wednesday, February 28th at the Hyatt Regency at 8:30 AM.

Robert Newsome, Vice President of Engineering Standards, Membership & Marketing for the National Marine Manufacturers Association will be the keynote speaker, and will provide an important overview of the economic and recreational impact of boating in California.

A summary of legislative and regulatory issues affecting recreational boating in the state will also be presented by Bret Gladfelty from the Apex Group, along with guidelines and instructions for the afternoon meetings with legislators.

Breakout sessions focused on specific boating issues will follow the morning coffee break, giving attendees an opportunity to find out more

about topics of interest. These morning sessions will cover a variety of topics, including the flood of current and pending regulations, the State Lands Commission's programs to remove abandoned vessels, proposed changes at the Boating & Waterways Commission, the new California Vessel Operators requirements, and other important industry and recreational advocacy programs.

Lunch will be served at the Hyatt, and then attendees will proceed to the State Capital for meetings with individual legislative representatives throughout the afternoon. Opportunities to meet with state representatives will be scheduled by organizers, and early registrants will get priority for scheduling with their State Legislators, so mark your calendar for February 27 - 28, 2018, and register EARLY!

This important public event is the result of collaboration between the MRA and eleven other boating related groups, including the Worldwide Boaters Safety Group, California Yacht Brokers Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association, California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference, Personal Watercraft Industry Association, California Sportfishing League, California Delta Chambers & Visitors Bureau, Recreational Boaters of California, Bay Planning Coalition, Sacramento Valley Marine Association, and California Association of Harbor Masters & Port Captains.

"Based on the success of the last two *California Boating Congresses*, and the participation of three additional co-hosts for this year's event, we are expecting the 2018 CBC, and our voice at the Capital, to grow substantially," said Mariann Timms, MRA Operations Administrator.