

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

VOTING MEMBERSHIP: \$600.00 ANNUALLY

Officials responsible for boating facility administration, design, and/or construction in states, commonwealths or territories. Two Affiliated Professional Memberships are also included (alternate and affiliate).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$500.00 ANNUALLY

Open to firms, corporations, businesses or associations that want to assist SOBA in its objectives. Two affiliated professional memberships are also included.

ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP: \$300.00 ANNUALLY

Open to federal agencies, local government units, non-profit organizations, and similar groups in other countries with an interest in SOBA's mission. Two affiliated professional memberships are also included.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$125.00 ANNUALLY

Open to persons wishing to support SOBA but not affiliated with an agency association or business involved in recreational boating programs.

AFFILIATED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 ANNUALLY

Additional individual memberships, in excess of the two complimentary memberships associated with voting, associate and advisory memberships.



LINKS

ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION:

A POWERFUL AND RECOGNIZED VOICE

SOBA advocates for its membership with federal agencies and organizations such as:

- Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
fishwildlife.org
- BoatU.S.
boatus.org
- National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
nasbla.org
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
nmma.org
- National Park Service
nps.gov
- Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation
rbff.org
- Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
fws.gov/sfbpc
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
fws.gov
- Water Access Alliance
wateraccess.org



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WHO WE ARE...

SOBA is the collective voice of public boating access in the United States.

Established in 1986, SOBA is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving access to waterways by promoting the public acquisition, development and maintenance of recreational boating facilities.

OUR MISSION...

To encourage, promote and support federal and state programs that provide safe, high-quality and environmentally sound public recreational boating access to the waterways of the United States and its territories.

OUR MEMBERS...

SOBA members are state boating officials from all 50 states and five territories, as well as a wide range of other boating organizations, engineering firms, consultants, manufacturers and suppliers interested in public boating access.

WHAT WE DO...

SOBA offers a forum where diverse interests can exchange ideas, share information, and find solutions to common problems facing boating access.

SOBA provides leadership and support to our members. Membership also offers access to resources and services, including:

- Annual conference and trade show
- Publications
- Instructional videos
- Boating Access Promotion media package
- Website: soba.org

COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES...

SOBA operates under a committee and task force concept, involving the board, SOBA members and boating experts to accomplish its goals and objectives.



WHEN YOU JOIN SOBA

Members enjoy access to national experts, state-of-the-art information, and a host of other valuable services, including:

ANNUAL SOBA CONFERENCE: THE PREMIER EVENT FOR BOATING ACCESS

SOBA's Annual Conference is hosted by a different member state each year. It is a one-of-a-kind event which covers issues that directly affect members working to design, build and maintain public boating access and related support facilities. Attendees can network with boating access leaders, participate in exhibits and demonstrations, and take field trips to local boating facilities.

TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

Members receive a complimentary copy of publications, receive bulk purchase discounts, and can download materials from the member-only website.

- *Design Handbook for Recreational Boating and Fishing Facilities* (2nd Edition)
- *Operations & Maintenance Program Guidelines for Recreational Boating Facilities*
- *CVA Performance Testing of Marine-Use Waste Pump-Out Stations*
- *Building a Better Boat Ramp* Video

SOBA ON-LINE RESOURCES: soba.org

SOBA keeps its members connected through an active website and ListServ. The SOBA membership network allows members to share information and promotes cooperation that can save significant time and money. Reports and publications are also available online.

SOBA ANNUAL AWARDS: NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS' WORK

SOBA Awards are presented each year at the Annual Conference to members whose work is worthy of national recognition. Categories include Outstanding Service, Outstanding Projects and Program Excellence.

SOBA NEWSLETTER

Published three times a year; the newsletter covers current issues and organizational news.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SOBA

Corporations, businesses, associations and individuals are invited to promote their products and services to SOBA members through sponsorship at SOBA's annual conference. Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper levels are available. Opportunities include:

- Indoor and outdoor exhibits
- Program recognition, banner display
- Program advertising
- Hosted meals and breaks in exhibit hall
- Networking center

Sponsors and contributors benefit from editorial coverage in SOBA's newsletter, web links, access to SOBA membership lists, and can further boost awareness by donating promotional items bearing their company logo as annual conference door prizes or giveaways.

