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Cal Boating Preserved in State Budget Revision

- Issue May Resurface in August

Sacramento [July 28]. “RBOC declares victory that the Department of Boating and Waterways [Cal Boating] is preserved,” said Dave Breninger, RBOC President. This occurs as Governor Schwarzenegger has signed into law today legislation to resolve a \$26 billion shortfall in the current state budget.

Breninger explained: “The tenacity of the boating community has intensified each time the proposal to eliminate the independent Cal Boating has been considered. Visits, calls, and emails from the entire boating community have produced an acknowledgement of the value and importance of Cal Boating, as well as an understanding that this department receives no General Fund dollars and its elimination would not help with the current budget crisis.”

“The future of Cal Boating could still be considered this year,” continued Breninger. “Additional reorganizations and consolidations will be debated in August, including the creation of a new Department of Revenue to eliminate duplicative efforts. A formal reorganization proposal is also possible.”

Today’s budget revisions reduce Cal Boating’s budget to \$61 million. A total of \$134 million in California boater funds are now allocated in this 2009-2010 state fiscal year as follows:

- Cal Boating: \$61.8 million
- General Fund: \$34 million [loan]
- State Parks: \$27.9 million
- DMV: \$4.4 million
- Food and Ag: \$3.5 million
- Fish and Game: \$2.4 million
- Delta Protection Commission: \$232,000
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency: \$124,000

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RBOC will continue to stress to state officials that Cal Boating provides accountability, transparency and leadership regarding the collection and use of boater-derived taxes and fees, and the best use of these funds for programs that benefit boating.

Further, RBOC will continue to promote accountability and effectiveness in the services and programs that are funded by boater revenues in support of State Parks, Fish and Game, Food and Agriculture, and the General Fund.

The organization will also be engaged in future state budget revisions and re-organization plans and will take all steps necessary to protect the rights, revenues and services of boaters.

The effort to Save Cal Boating has involved thousands of calls and emails from boaters, as well as the actions of members of the State Legislature.

Attached is the list of organizations and entities known to be in opposition to the elimination of Cal Boating.

For the latest developments – and how you can help – visit www.rbo.org.

Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC]

RBOC is a nonprofit boater advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government.

RBOC is in its 41st year as a statewide organization which since 1968 has continued its commitment to promoting the enjoyment, protection and responsible use of our waterways.

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**Groups Opposed to the Governor's Proposed Elimination of Cal Boating
[Department of Boating & Waterways]**

Adventure Outings and the Forebay Aquatic Center
America True
American Watercraft Association
Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors
Bay Planning Coalition
BoatUS
California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains
California Boating Safety Officers Association
California Delta Chambers
California Marine Parks and Harbors Association
California Yacht Brokers Association
City and County of San Francisco
City of Newport Beach
County of Los Angeles
County of Marin
Correct Craft, Inc.
Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association
Kawasaki Motors Corp., USA
King Harbor Youth Foundation
Marina del Rey Community Boating Council
Marina Recreation Association
Mission Bay Aquatic Center
National Boating Federation
National Marine Manufacturers Association
Northern California Marine Association
Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association
Pacific Coast Sailing Foundation
Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association
Personal Watercraft Industry Association
Recreational Boaters of California
Sacramento State Aquatic Center
Sailing Education Adventures [SEA]
Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association
Southern California Marine Association
Southern California Yachting Association
Tahoe Community Sailing Foundation / Tahoe City Recreation Department
United States Adaptive Recreation Center
US SAILING
Water Sports Industry Association
Western Boaters Safety Group