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# BOAT TOWN HALL WEB CONFERENCE



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## FORMAT

**Today's Web Conference** – presented by RBOC and BoatUS

**Panelists:**

Cleve Hardaker – RBOC President

David Kennedy – BoatUS Government Affairs

Ray Durazo – RBOC Immediate Past President

Winston Bumpus – RBOC Vice President North

Todd Leutheuser – RBOC Vice President South

Jerry Desmond – RBOC Legislative Advocate

**Format** - 25 minute presentation followed by Q&A

**Submit your Questions** - via the Q&A Feature [available to web participants]

**Thank You** for Participating!





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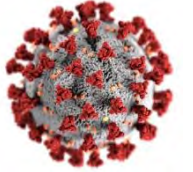
## Today's Topics

COVID-19 Pandemic  
DBW & HWRF  
Boater Fuel Tax Dollars  
Boat Registration Fees  
Boating Infrastructure  
Fix-it Tickets

For-Hire Vessels  
BCDC  
Delta Tunnel  
Fishing Licenses  
Recreation Office  
Q&A

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## COVID-19 Pandemic & Boating



RBOC is lobbying for state, county and municipal governments to prioritize the re-opening navigable waterways to recreational boaters who practice social \ physical distancing

Especially now as we enter a new phase where stay-at-home orders are being revised or lifted

### Examples:

**San Diego County** - has banned recreational boating on waterways to enhance physical distancing in the effort to prevent further transmittal of the COVID-19 virus

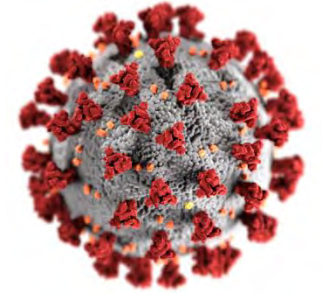
**Long Beach and its Marine Bureau** - are asking boaters to refrain from recreational boating, except as a vehicle for physical exercise

**State-wide** – Governor Newsom is expected to close all state parks and beaches this afternoon

RBOC is encouraging all boaters to practice social/physical distancing in all aspects in order to protect themselves and others during these challenging times.

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## COVID-19 Pandemic & Clubs - Federal PPP



Federal Paycheck Protection Program [PPP]

PPP provides loans to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll.

Federal Small Business Association [SBA] will forgive PPP loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities

Also available today:

- Economic Injury Disaster Loans [EIDL]

- IRS Retention Credits and Payroll Tax Delays

Phase 3.5 relief bill agreement provides an additional \$484 Billion

For resources: [click here](#)

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## COVID-19 Pandemic & Clubs - Federal PPP

RBOC is advocating that 501[c][7] clubs are included as potential fund recipients

Most clubs are 501[c][7] nonprofit organizations

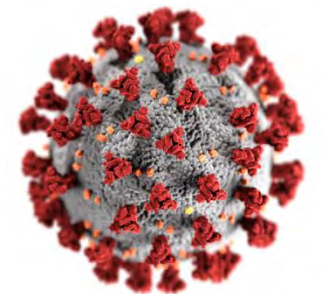
These types of corporations are not currently on the list of potential recipients

Clubs throughout California are participating in efforts to help their communities,

Clubs throughout California have been financially harmed

Clubs were not included in Round 1 or Round 2 – a Round 3 is anticipated

**Take Action** - [rboc.org/call-to-action](http://rboc.org/call-to-action)



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## DBW - Harbors & Watercraft Revolving Fund

RBOC is advocating for the boater taxes and fees to be dedicated to programs and services that benefit boating

### Current Boating Programs and Services

Aquatic Center Education

Aquatic Invasive Species

Boating Clean and Green

Beach Restoration and Erosion Control

Boat Launching Facility

Boating Accident

Boating Law Enforcement Education

Boating Law Enforcement Training

Boating Trails

California Boater Card

Capital Outlay

Clean Marina

Facilities Division

For-Hire Licensing

National Boating Infrastructure

Surrendered and Abandoned

Vessel Exchange (SAVE)

Small Craft Harbor Loan

Vessel Pumpouts

Yacht and Ship Broker Licensing





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## Boat Fuel Tax Dollars

Where Your Boat Tax Dollars are Going

Restructuring of the state Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund [HWRF] is being considered

RBOC is pursuing several specific, fundamental questions on how tens of millions of state boat fuel tax dollars are being spent today

For years, these funds have been directed to nonboating programs rather than programs and services that benefit the boaters who pay these dollars



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## Boat Registration Fees

Proposals to dramatically increase state boat registration fees

As restructuring of the HWRF is considered, and without answers to key questions, RBOC is on alert that legislation will be advanced that could double or triple the boat registration fees paid to California Department of Motor Vehicles before being deposited in that fund

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## Boat Infrastructure Programs

Potential elimination of the state programs financing boating infrastructure including marinas and launch ramps

Also in this environment, consideration is being given to elimination of the longstanding, boater-financed state programs including those providing loans and grants to public marinas as well as loans to private marinas for boating infrastructure and access including marinas and launch ramps



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## Fix-It Tickets

RBOC supporting SB 904 [Monning] that would establish fix-it tickets for certain boating offenses including:

Failure to have the boater card

Failure to have the vessel identification number displayed

Failure to have a vessel registration sticker applied

Failure to have a personal flotation device[s]

Failure to have fire extinguishers and their markings

Take Action – inform Senator Monning of your support:

[Click Here](#)



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## For-Hire Vessel Operator's License

RBOC is advocating for an exception for sailing instructors and students

SB 883 [Monning] would require a for-hire vessel operator license when there is a single for-hire passenger

Currently the license is only required if there are more than three passengers on these vessels

This will enhance consumer protection





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## San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission [BCDC]

RBOC is lobbying in support of AB 2809 [Mullin] that would provide fairness, transparency and accountability in the operation of BCDC

The bill would prohibit BCDC from using monies paid into the Bay Fill Clean-Up and Abatement Fund to pay staff salaries or enforcement actions

This will help ensure that Commission actions are not motivated by funding desires

The bill would also require procedures for managerial review of staff decisions in enforcement cases, time lines for resolving those cases, and a penalty matrix for assessing fines and civil penalties

This legislation follows an RBOC-supported decision of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the resulting audit

**Take Action** – inform Assembly Member Mullin of your support: [click here](#)



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## Delta Tunnel

**RBOC continues to advocate against the single-tunnel Delta Conveyance that would significantly impede navigation and harm Delta recreation**

State efforts to construct a single tunnel Delta Conveyance project that would significantly impede navigation and harm recreation



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## State Fishing Licenses

RBOC is supporting AB 1387 [Wood] that proposes a 365-day fishing license

Legislation to establish a 365-day state fishing license

Revisions to these provisions are anticipated if the measure is to move forward this year



California Department of  
**Fish and Wildlife**

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## Recreation Office

RBOC supports the prioritization of outdoor recreation that includes recreational boating as a key element

Legislation is being pursued to create a state Office of Outdoor Recreation

RBOC supports the prioritization of outdoor recreation that includes recreational boating as a key element

Such efforts – such as AB 1111 [Friedman] - must not tap into boater paid monies that support current state boating programs and services





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## Q&A

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