

## Membership Application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Semi-Annual Newsletter Method of Receipt:  
\_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Email

### Individual Membership:

- \$15.00 Crew (Web Access)
- \$25.00 First Mate (Web Access, eBlasts)
- \$50.00 Captain (Web Access, eBlasts, Newsletter)
- \$100.00 Admiral (Web Access, eBlasts, Newsletter, Member Level Recognition in Newsletter and Annual Report)

### Club Membership:

- \$100 1 – 250 Members
- \$150.00 251 – 450 Members
- \$200.00 451+ Members  
(All member benefits of Admiral Level)

### Business/Commercial Membership:

- \$50.00 1 – 5 Employees
- \$100.00 6 – 10 Employees
- \$150.00 Fleet Member 11 – 20 Employees
- \$200.00 Flotilla Member 20 + Employees  
(All member benefits of Admiral Level)

### I/We would like to volunteer and are interested in:

- Working at boat shows in the WisBoat trade show booth to spread the word.
- Recruit new members.
- Serving on a committee or assuming leadership role.
- Working with regional boating safety and navigational issues as they arise.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Wisconsin  
Recreational  
Boaters  
Association,  
Inc.

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## Founded:

The Wisconsin Recreational Boaters Association, Inc. organized under Section 501(c) (3) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, was founded in February 2005 after the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation advised local communities of a \$430,000 shortfall in the DOT operating budget that would reduce the navigational season and hours of lift bridge operation on the Winnebago Watershed. Simultaneously, WisDOT initiated dialogue with the United States Coast Guard whereby the Coast Guard would withdraw jurisdiction over the Wolf River-Lake Winnebago-Fox River System bridges. Had this come to fruition, waterways would have been inaccessible to patrol and rescue boats and great safety risk.

Recreational boaters banded together to ensure safe boating for all with their appeal to the U.S. Coast Guard to retain their jurisdiction and WisDOT to provide adequate funding to keep our waterways safe and accessible. The need became clear for an organization to promote statewide boating safety education, keeping users apprised of changes that could adversely affect safe navigational access on our lakes and rivers. We found that *making positive waves* produces positive results for the safety and enjoyment of all recreational boaters, ensuring recreational opportunities and thriving tourism/recreational impact throughout the state.

What began as a grassroots effort has become an organization to provide a voice—a source of information and education for the safe use and navigation by water of users throughout Wisconsin.

## We Believe:

The Wisconsin Recreational Boaters Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization committed to:

- Acting as a resource for boating safety instruction classes in tandem with other groups such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron.
- Dissemination of information regarding invasive species.
- Help local, county and lake approved associations garner Recreational Boating Funds for lake and river improvement projects.
- Provide a unified voice on safety, navigational and tourism impact issues.
- Work with other organizations and agencies such as Lake Michigan Yachting Association, Fox River Navigational System Authority and others to promote safe boating access for all boating enthusiasts and;
- Connecting with our members using a semi-annual mailed newsletter, or an electronic newsletter available via the Internet and reaching our members with urgent news via email and postings on our website throughout the State of Wisconsin.

We are committed to a formalized structure of organizational representation with five regions represented by a composite of our membership on the Board of Directors that mirrors the WDNR Districts to promote education and a balanced resolution on issues and actions that affect our waterways for safe navigation.

## We Represent:

We are the only organization to represent the interests of all recreational boating enthusiasts that include, but are not limited to:

- Fishermen
- Canoeists
- Kayakers
- Sailors
- Windsurfers and
- Power Boaters

Our membership also embraces:

- Boat Clubs
- Businesses and
- Marine Related Commerce

We are challenged with many of the same ongoing issues throughout our State that include safety, accessibility, fees and the ability to capture funding for local projects.

## We Need You:

It is in partnership with our members that our collective voices will make a difference to ensure safe and accessible navigation in harmony with other recreational enthusiasts. Your opinion, time and support are essential to our overall success. Join us in....

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