



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership within SOBA is open to any organization or individual that qualifies for any of the Membership Classifications set forth below. **Please check your class of membership.**

Voting Membership: State Officials responsible for boating facility administration, design, and/or construction in State, its commonwealths and territories. Two affiliated Professional Memberships are provided (alternate and affiliate). However, each state, commonwealth, or territory is allowed only one vote on SOBA issues brought before the membership.

Dues: \$600.00 Annually

- Associate Membership:** Firms, corporations, interested businesses, or associations desiring to assist SOBA in its' objectives. Two affiliated professional memberships are provided and members will receive a discount on booth fees if they exhibit at the annual conference.

Dues: \$500.00 Annually

- Advisory Membership:** Federal agencies, local units of government, non-profit organizations, and other countries with an interest in SOBA's mission. Two affiliated professional memberships are provided and membership will receive a discount on booth fees if they exhibit at the annual conference.

Dues: \$300.00 Annually

- Individual Membership:** Person wishing to support SOBA who is not connected with an agency, association, or business affiliation involved in recreational boating programs. Members in this category will receive any and all services provided by SOBA to the membership.

Dues: \$125.00 Annually

SECTION I: ORGANIZATIONAL/CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization/Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

Affiliated Professional Membership #1:

Contact Person: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

Affiliated Professional Membership #2:

Contact Person: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

*Please copy this page to inform us of additional memberships
above the three listed on this membership application.*

NOTE: Applicant consents to receive notices from SOBA by facsimile or electronically using the contact information set forth on this application.

SECTION II: ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide a brief description of what your organization's objective, products and/or services:

SECTION III: PAYMENT

The SOBA membership cycles runs from January 1 – December 31. For consideration in SOBA membership, a complete membership dues payment must accompany the application.

- I am paying by check.
- I would like to pay by credit card (see instructions below). Please e-mail UserId/Password and link to the following e-mail address: _____

If you would like to pay by credit card, please note the following: In accordance with Payment Card Industry (PCI) Standards, SOBA has adopted an online system to process all credit card transactions. We can no longer accept or retain full length credit card information details. **If you have indicated that you would like to pay by credit card, we will send you a UserId, Password and link to our secured website to process your payment.**

Return completed membership application to:

**SOBA
231 South LaSalle Street; Suite 2050
Chicago, IL 60604
Or fax to:
312-946-0388**



MEMBER BENEFITS

Each SOBA member shall receive or have access to the following products and services that have been specifically designed to meet the growing needs of the membership and assist them in their efforts to expand boating access:

SERVICES AND PRODUCTS

National Voice: SOBA will continue to advocate for public boating access needs by actively participating and attending key meetings and events, as specified below:

- Participation of the Executive Board in events and organizations that share SOBA's mission of expanding boating access.
- Maintain existing and develop additional partnerships, and continue representation within boating access organizations: NMMA's Water Access Task Force; ALAB; RBFF; AFWA; and, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).
- Attend and, where appropriate, display the SOBA show booth at key events around the country to demonstrate the critical need for public boating access and the valuable role that SOBA plays in supporting increased public access. Events will include:
 - NASBLA Boating Safety Conference
 - American Boating Congress (ABC) produced by NMMA
 - Others that the Executive Board has determined will support SOBA's mission

Website/Membership Network: Provide up-to-date information and connect the membership through an active and vibrant list server. This enables the membership to share valuable information that can ultimately save significant time and money on projects.

Technical Research: SOBA will continue to pursue technical research grants that support the current needs of its membership. Currently this includes the updating and re-writing of the Design Handbook for Recreational Boating and Fishing Facilities. SOBA members have access to the technical research at a discounted rate.

Technical Products: Each member will receive on a complimentary or discounted basis products and reports that have been created to meet specific needs that have been voiced by its members. These products include:

- Building a Better Boat Ramp DVD (currently being updated)
- Operations Manual
- Performance Testing of Marine-Use Waste Pump-Out Stations
- Online Inventory of Boat Ramp Inventories
- Media Kit

National Conference: Each year SOBA hosts a National Conference for its members and other attendees. This is the premier event for those working to design, build, and maintain public boat access and related support facilities. The content of this conference is developed to provide the most current information on the issues that directly affect the members through dynamic speakers and exhibitors providing state of the art products. SOBA members receive a discounted registration rate.

Awards: Awards are presented to those members whose outstanding work is worthy of national recognition. These awards are presented at the awards banquet at the National Conference.

Newsletter: Members receive a periodic newsletter that addresses the current issues that are affecting boating access, as well as, information on SOBA's ongoing activities.