AGENDA (Subject to Change)

Day 1: Monday, October 10th

Federal Assistance Workshop – Amphitheater

MONDAY MORNING:

8:00  *Breakfast Area Opens (North Refreshment Island – Adjacent to Amphitheater)

8:30 – 8:45  Federal Assistance Workshop Kickoff/Introductions

8:45 – 9:00  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Welcome and Update: Bob Curry, Deputy Assistant Director of Wildlife Sport Fish Restoration Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

9:00 – Noon  National Conservation Training Center Issues that affect Boating Access, CVA, and BIG: Ryan Oster, Grants Management Specialist (Instructor), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- 2 CFR 200
- Sub-recipient vs. Contractor
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)
- Establishing and Determining Equipment Rates
- Useful Life of Projects
- Risk Assessments for Sub-recipients
- Proper documentation for In-Kind Services
- Timelines for Grant Closings (new dates when money can’t be drawn)
- Audit Issues – What auditors asked from Training Center Staff?
- Land Acquisition
MONDAY AFTERNOON:

Noon – 1:00  *Lunch (Walker Room)

1:00 – 1:30  50 CFR 75 and 50 CFR 80 – Updates and how they pertain to Boating Access: Lisa Van Alstyne, Chief, Branch of Policy, US Fish and Wildlife Service

1:30 – 2:00 Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act – How it affects programs: Brad Gunn, Branch of Programs, US Fish and Wildlife Service

2:00 – 2:30 Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council new Technology Committee: Brian Bohnsack, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator, Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council and Lisa Van Alstyne, Chief, Branch of Policy, US Fish and Wildlife Service

2:30 – 3:00 National Marine Fisheries Service and ESA Section 7: Ramon Martin, Division of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Region 4, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

3:00 – 3:20 *Refreshment Break

3:20 - 4:30 Completion of NCTC Issues from morning session: Ryan Oster

MONDAY EVENING:

7:00 – 10:30 *Opening Reception – Tennessee Aquarium (transportation will be provided)

DAY 2:  Tuesday, October 11th

TUESDAY MORNING:

8:00  *Breakfast with Exhibitors (Ballrooms 2, 3 and 4)

8:30 – 11:45 OPENING GENERAL SESSION (Ballroom I)

8:30 – 8:45 Conference Opening Welcome and Conference Logistics

Ron Christofferson, SOBA President
Ed Poolos, TWRA Conference Host

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome to Tennessee

Tennessee and Chattanooga Highlights: Barry Sumners, Assistant Director TWRA
9:00 – 9:30  Chattanooga – The River City – A 21st Century Revitalization Success Story  
Kim White, Executive Director, Rivercity Company

9:30 – 9:45  RBFF Partner Update: Rachel Piacenza, Director of Marketing, RBFF

9:45 – 10:00  NMMA Partner Update: Thom Dammrich, NMMA President

10:00 – 10:15  American Boat and Yacht Council Partner Update (Leaders in the AIS Issue):  
Brian Goodwin, Technical Director, American Boat and Yacht Council

10:15 – 10:30  *Refreshment Break with Exhibitors (Ballrooms 2, 3 and 4)

10:30 – 11:00  SOBA Update  
Highlighting Activities within the Organization

11:00 – 11:10  Getting to Know SOBA’s Conference Platinum Sponsor: Rick Cawston, Sales Director, Gator Dock

11:10 – 11:30  Announcements of Project Award Winners

11:30 – 1:00  *Lunch at Broad Street Grille

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

1:00 – 5:00  Breakout Sessions

ENGINEERING SESSION (Amphitheater)

1:00 – 1:30  Virginia’s Boating Access Maintenance Study: John Kirk,  
Boating Access Maintenance Supervisor, Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries

1:30 – 2:15  Designing Accessible Fishing Piers: Jon Perryman,  
Engineering Manager, GatorDock

2:15 – 3:00  Wave Design Simulation, A State of the Art Approach  
Rob Wright, SmithGroup JIR

3:00 – 3:15  Break (North Refreshment Island)

Jerry Fouse, Recreation Strategy and Tourism Development Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority

3:45 – 4:30  Underwater Engineering and Inspection: Bill Barna,  
McSweeney Engineers

4:30–5:00  Mooring Fields – From Concept to Construction: Mark Leslie, Applied Technology and Management
INVASIVE SPECIES/ENVIRONMENTAL SESSION (Rose)

1:00 – 1:30: Incorporating and Communicating Resiliency in your Project: **Anne Smith, Clean Marina Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science**

1:30 – 2:15: Gulf Coast Resiliency Project: **Rhonda Price, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources**

2:15 – 3:00: Fundamentals of AIS, Boats as mechanisms of Transport, tactics in Managing AIS: **Brian Goodwin, American Boat and Yacht Council**

3:00 – 3:15: Break (North Refreshment Island)

3:15 – 4:00 Shoreline Infrastructure – Cost effective Strategies for Upgrading Shoreline Infrastructure: **Greg Weykamp, Edgewater Resources**

4:00 – 4:45 invasive Quagga and Zebra Mussel Invasive Tool: **Keith Boulais, Premier Materials and Bruce Rowe, Forever Resorts**

BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE (Walker)

1:00 – 1:30 BIG Quiz Bowl – How well do you know your program?: **Ryan Oster, Grants Management Specialist (Instructor), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

1:30 – 2:00 Overview of a “new” State Program – Lessons Learned: **Scott Meister, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources**

2:00 – 3:30 First year under new rule – How did it affect applications/review/scoring/Items identified during review/ How to make your applications better: **Panel Discussion: Janine Belleque, James Adams, John Sprague, Ed Poolos**

3:00 – 3:15: Break (North Refreshment Island)


4:45 – 5:30 SOBA Awards Working Group Meeting (Rose) – Taking a look at changes to SOBA project awards – **ALL WELCOME**

TUESDAY EVENING: Dinner on your Own

DAY 3:  Wednesday, October 12th

WEDNESDAY MORNING:
8:00 *Breakfast with Exhibitors (North Refreshment Island)

8:30 – 10:45 Breakout Sessions

**ENGINEERING SESSION I** (Amphitheater)
- 9:15 – 10:00: New Geogrid Design for Breakwater Construction – Helping Spread the Load and Minimizing Subsidence: **Bruce Lunde, Lunde Williams, LLC**
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break (North Refreshment Island)
- 10:15 – 11:00: Seasonal Docks – Large water fluctuations, specifically within reservoirs: **Rob Wright, SmithGroup JJR**

**ENGINEERING SESSION II NON-MOTORIZED ACCESS** (Rose)
- 8:30 – 9:15: Pole – Rail Boat Launch option for Steep Terrain: **Jeff Smith, Oregon State Marine Board**
- 9:15 – 10:00: Innovative and Adaptive Paddlesports Launches: **Peter Clark, Gulf Coast Marine Solutions**
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break (North Refreshment Island)
- 10:15 – 11:00: SOBA Non-Motorized Task Force Meeting

**CLEAN VESSEL ACT** (Walker)
- 8:30 – 9:00 Washington’s CVA Construction Program: **Al Wolslegel, Washington State Parks and Karla Drewsen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
- 9:00 – 9:30 Washington’s CVA Education Program: **Aaron Barnett, Washington Sea Grant**
- 9:30 – 9:45 Monitoring System Vendor Update – MarineSync
- 9:45 – 10:00 Monitoring System Vendor Update – Best Marine Solutions (Pumpwatcher)
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break (North Refreshment Island)
- 10:30 – 11:00 CVA Quiz Bowl – How well do you know your program?: **Ryan Oster, Grants Management Specialist (Instructor), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

11:00 – 11:45 SOBA Business Meeting (Amphitheater)
**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON:**

**1:15 – 2:45**  
GENERAL SESSION (Ballroom I)

- **1:15 – 1:30**  
AFWA Partner Update: *Ron Regan, Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*

- **1:30 – 1:45**  
Marina Dock Age *NEW* Partner Update: *Anna Townshend, Editor, Marina Dock Age*

- **1:45 - 2:00**  
Boat U.S. Partner Update: *Alanna Keating, Outreach Manager, Boat U.S.*

- **2:00 – 2:45**  
SOBA 2016 Project and Program Award Winner Recipient Presentations

- **2:45 – 3:00**  
Refreshment Break with Exhibitors (Ballrooms 2, 3 and 4)

**3:00 – 5:00**  
Breakout Sessions

**ENGINEERING** (Amphitheater)

- **3:00 – 3:45** Evolution of Kayak Launch Designs: *Jon Perryman, Engineering Manager, GatorDock*
- **3:45 – 4:30** Pilings 101 – A brief discussion of pile types, installation methods, modes of deterioration, costs and longevity: *Bill Barna, McSweeney Engineers*
- **4:30 – 5:00** Pervious Concrete Pavers: *Chris Wade, Block USA*

**EDUCATION/OUTREACH TO BOATERS: HOW TO EDUCATE AND MESSAGE YOUR PRODUCTS** (Rose)

- **3:00 – 3:45:** Using Partners to Further your outreach: *Anne Smith, Clean Marina Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science*
- **3:45-4:30:** Reaching New Audiences through R3 Initiatives: *Rachel Piacenza, Director of Marketing, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation*
- **4:30 – 5:00:** Pumpout App for Boaters and BMP for prevention of sewage discharge at marine facilities: *James Mueller and Adrien Baudrimont, San Francisco Estuary Partnership*

**FLOATING RESTROOMS** (Walker)

- **3:00 – 3:30** Arkansas Floating Restroom Program (Licensing, construction, anchoring, monitoring, and maintenance): *Tom Jones, Arkansas Department of Health*
3:30 – 3:45 Vendor Update - **Marine Boat Builders Company**
3:45 – 4:00 Vendor Update – **PumpOut USA**
4:00 – 4:15 Vendor Update – **Aramark Corporation**
4:15 – 5:00 Update on new CVA rule regarding floating restrooms connected to land based docks – Comments received to Federal Notice: *Lisa Van Alstyne, Chief, Branch of Policy, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING:**
6:00pm – 10:30pm *Awards Banquet and Casino Night (Ballrooms 1 and 2)*

**DAY 4: Thursday, October 13th**

**Boating Access Educational Trip:** Downtown Chattanooga / Tennessee River

**THURSDAY MORNING:** Breakfast on your own (transportation will be provided for the boating access site visits – load up will begin at 7:45am sharp).

8:30 – 10:30 Track I

10:30 – 12:00 *Southern Brunch*

12:00 – 2:00 Track II

2:00 Conference Adjourns

▲▲ **CONFERENCE FOOTNOTES** ▲▲

*Indicates meals included in conference registration*

**Dress Code:**
- General Sessions/Breakouts: Business Casual
- Opening Reception: Business Casual
- Boating Access Site Visits: Casual
- Awards Banquet: Business

**Exhibit Area Opening Hours:**

Registration Hours:
Tuesday: 7am – 5pm
Wednesday: 7am – 3pm

Lacy Nichols Silent Auction:
Monday: 12noon – 3pm
Tuesday: 8am – 5pm
Wednesday: 8am – 3:30pm

Networking Suite Opening Hours:
Monday: 9pm
Tuesday: 9pm
Wednesday: 9pm