

## **ACRONYMS**

### **BOATING ACCESS RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**AFS - *American Fisheries Society*** (fisheries.org)

This is a professional association of certified fisheries scientists from state and federal wildlife agencies.

**ALAB - *American League of Anglers and Boaters***

This is a strong alliance of the nation's recreational fishing and boating advocacy organizations

**AMI – *Association of Marina Industries*** (*merging of MOAA and International Marina Institute*)

A marine trade organization which encompasses all segments of the marina industry both within the United States and around the world. (marinaassociation.org)

**ASA - *American Sportfishing Association*** (asafishing.org)

This association consists of fishing tackle manufacturers

**ARC - *American Recreation Coalition*** (funoutdoors.com)

This is a large coalition of recreation based agencies that promote recreation

**BASS - *Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society*** (bassmaster.com)

Represents the bass fishing industry

**Boat-US - *Boat Owners Association of the United States*** (boat-us.com)

A group of boat owners who subscribe to the magazine Boat US.

**IAFWA (also referred to as the "International") - *International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*** (iafwa.org)

A quasi-governmental organization of public agencies charged with the protection and management of fish and wildlife resource.

**MEEF – *Marine Environmental Education Foundation*** (cleanboating.com/meef)

This group creates and presents educational programs that will result in cleaner waters from the boating public.

**MRRA - *Marine Retailers Association of America*** (mraa.com)

A national association representing boat dealers, marina operators and marina retailers

**NASBLA - *National Association of State Boating Law Administrators*** (nasbla.org)

A professional association that deals with boating safety and law enforcement.

**NMMA - *National Marine Manufacturers Association*** (nmma.org)

A group of boating and boating accessories manufacturers.

**PWIA - *Personal Watercraft Industry Association*** (pwia.org)

This group manufactures personal watercraft.

**RBF - *Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation*** (rbff.org)

This Foundation was developed to implement national outreach strategy that will increase participation in recreational angling and boating.

**SFBPC - *Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council*** (sfbpc.fws.gov)

This group serves the American anglers and boaters as an official advisory body to the Director of the Secretary of Interior.

**SOBA – *States Organization for Boating Access*** (sobaus.org)

This organization is devoted to the acquisition, development and administration of public boating facilities nationwide.

**USSA - *US Sailing Association*** (ussailing.net)

This group encourages participation and promotes excellence in sailing and sailboat racing in the U.S.