

# Massachusetts Marine Trades Association

## MMTA Advocacy Efforts

- ~ MMTA General Counsel E-News Briefs providing MMTA members with timely updates and guidance on topics such as:
  - How to be prepared for and handle during a government site visit inspection
  - How to proceed with repairs when there has been damage from a severe weather emergency
  - Lawsuits from environmental advocacy organizations such as the Conservation Law Foundation
  - Which permits and licenses are applicable to your facility and/or project: Chapter 91 license, "Hot Works" permit, NPDES permit, Army Corps permit, etc.
- ~ Monitoring climate change adaptation legislation to assure protection for water-dependent uses like marinas and boat yards
- ~ Regional grants program to support seawall repairs and waterways infrastructure projects
- ~ Oppose mandatory registration requirements and fee for federally documented recreational vessels
- ~ Practical solutions to stem the loss of slips, moorings and upland storage for boats in Massachusetts
- ~ Prioritization of and funding for dredging projects
- ~ Sensible and affordable solutions to compliance with storm water management and pressure washing regulations
- ~ Repeal of sales tax on boats built or rebuilt in the commonwealth to combat increased competition from surrounding states
- ~ Advocating for less-bureaucratic regulatory approaches (e.g. hoisting laws)
- ~ Enact Abandoned Vessel Law
- ~ Establish and maintain 60+ member state Legislative Boating Caucus to keep state lawmakers apprised of the issues which matter to our members
- ~ Facilitating collaborative relationships with state regulatory authorities to voice concerns on policies which would negatively affect the marine trades industry, such as problems from policy expanding shellfish closure areas for marina and mooring projects
- ~ Continued collaborative advocacy and support related to workforce initiatives within the recreational boating industry in Massachusetts and working with state officials, schools, members and job seekers



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