

Active Membership \$250.00

Any person, firm, partnership, franchise, or corporation maintaining an active business location in the State of Rhode Island and engaged primarily in the marine industry – including the building, manufacture, sales brokerage, distribution, transportation, repair, service and storage of boats, sails, marina engines and marine equipment and supplies shall be eligible for active membership.

Dues are required when application is presented. Please make checks payable to RIMTA. Any application accepted after February 28 is considered a paid member until June 1 of the following year.

...our accomplishments, continued

After 30 years, dredging is now common place. We are finalizing a long range dredging plan to along with the many pieces of legislation that RIMTA has supported. New window for dredging is October 15, 2005 to January 31, 2006 exclusively. Virtually every marine business in Rhode Island has a stake in this issue, and RIMTA is doing all it can to make it happen.

Most of all, we are your watchdog during the legislative session to ensure that our industry is not unfairly regulated and to ensure that taxes we worked hard to repeal are not reinstated..

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MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION



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OUR MISSION

Founded in 1964, the Rhode Island Marine Trade Association represents all aspects of the marine industry. Our membership companies and organizations are dedicated to the growth in recreational boating and the creation of jobs for our industry in an environmentally friendly, safe and responsible way.

OUR GOALS

TO PROMOTE mutual confidence and cooperation among persons engaged in the Marine Industry.

TO EXCHANGE trade information.

TO WORK for harmonious traded relations.

TO PROMOTE any and all activities relative to the Marine Industry and to oppose any and all adverse legislation and regulations.

TO PROMOTE marine facilities and to work with other organizations such as the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the United States Power Squadrons in providing better and safer boating in Rhode Island waters.

TO OFFER guidance, instructions and general assistance to the boat owner, particularly the newcomer.

TO DO such lawful acts as may be deemed beneficial to those engaged in any phase of the boating business.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We wrote the legislation that eliminated the Rhode Island sales and use taxes on new and used boats and on any equipment installed on those boats at the time of sale. If your revenues are higher now than they were in 1992, you've probably got RIMTA to thank. The legislation has benefited every boat dealer, broker, and charter company in the state, everyone who conducts business with locally-bought boats, and every company providing goods or services to these businesses.

RIMTA helped kill the personal property tax that towns levied on boats kept in Rhode Island more than six months out of the year. Because of this, the state is perceived as more boater-friendly to non-residents, and this has meant more business for marine equipment vendors, repair services, hotels and restaurants.

We played a leading role in repealing the infamous federal luxury tax on boats. Rhode Island's big-boat builders and their suppliers saw their business skyrocket when this ill-conceived tax was laid to rest.

RIMTA created the "Boaters' Resource Center" at the Providence Boat Show, a joint project of RIMTA, RI-DEM Boat Registry, RI-DEM Division of Enforcement, the Rhode Island Harbormasters Association, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the U.S. Power Squadron, to make boating registrations and safety information more accessible to the public.

We spearheaded the "Deadbeat Boater Law" to accelerate past-due payments to marinas for boat storage, repairs, and other services rendered. RIMTA is a key player in the East Bay Economic Initiative, helping promote Rhode Island's great boat builders and cruising grounds throughout Western Europe and other foreign markets.

RIMTA helped write the marinas' "Best Practices" guide for controlling open source pollution, and insisted that more pumpouts be installed throughout the state while supporting regulations that make Rhode Island waters a No-Discharge Zone—the first such statewide designation by a coastal state. We are spearheading the Rhode Island Clean Marina Initiative and initiated a shrink wrap recycling program. We did this because we believe that a clean environment is good for our industry and to demonstrate that our industry is a strong custodian of our state's land, water and air.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

See back of form for description of membership types and additional important information.

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