

Dear Boater,

April 3, 2008

**Unless Congress passes legislation, every boat in this country will need an EPA discharge permit to legally operate after 9/30/08!**

Because of a lawsuit targeting ocean-going commercial vessels carrying ballast water and invasive species, the US EPA is required to implement an "operational discharge permit" for all vessels – big and small - by September 30, 2008. Under this permit system, you may be required to pay for a permit for each of your boats, in each state where you boat, and you can be sued by other citizens for permit violations. EPA will be potentially monitoring your deck runoff, grey water, bilge water, engine cooling water, and the use of copper bottom paints.

**We need your help now to pass NEW federal legislation that can provide a permanent exemption for recreational boats from this upcoming requirement.**

Last year two identical bills were introduced in Congress, House #2550 and Senate #2067, both called "The Recreational Boating Act of 2007." **A new Senate Bill #2766 "The Clean Boating Act of 2008," is most likely to gain widespread support, be passed into law, and eliminate the permit requirement.**

Here's what to do:

1. Phone or email now! Ask your two federal Senators to sponsor and vote YES for Senate Bill #2766. Tell them about your boating. We need huge numbers of boaters to make contact so the Senators know it's important and the Bill keeps moving.
2. Share this information with your boating club, friends, and family. We need LOTS of pressure on Congress.
3. Send the Senators' responses to us at [govtaffairs@boat.us](mailto:govtaffairs@boat.us) so we can better coordinate our approach in Washington, D.C.
4. Stay tuned: we will need help on the House of Representatives later.

**For more information:**

**[www.boat.us/gov](http://www.boat.us/gov)**

**To quickly send an email to your Senator:**

**[www.boatblue.org/take action.aspx](http://www.boatblue.org/take%20action.aspx)**

Thanks for your ongoing help with this issue.



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