



## BoatUS News Releases

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### **Congress Restores 35-Year Exemption For Recreational Boats From Proposed EPA Permitting Requirements**

#### ***No New Permit For Boats Required***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 22, 2008** – In a remarkable display of bipartisan support for recreational boating, both the House and Senate today passed S. 2766, "The Clean Boating Act of 2008" which will permanently restore a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The legislation now goes to the White House for the President's signature. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

### **BoatUS Reaches Milestone 50,000 Radio Registrations**

#### ***One-button Mayday Feature Improves Marine Safety***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 22, 2008** – Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has registered its 50,000th boat owner with an enhanced VHF radio that will greatly improve their safety on the water. The registrations are part of a free service the Association launched in 2000 to enable boaters to take advantage of the U.S. Coast Guard's new Rescue 21 coastal radio system. Rescue 21 enhances distress communications, speeds up search and rescue response time, provides more accurate direction-finding, and eliminates VHF radio coverage gaps. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

#### **On The Water Boat Troubles?**

### **Savvy Boaters Know The Difference Between "Towing" And "Salvage"**

#### ***Who Pays for Each?***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 17, 2008** – On-the-water breakdowns, running aground or other mishaps can ruin a day of boating or fishing fun. But when the towboat arrives on the scene, do you know if the service is a "tow" or a "salvage" job? If you're ever in doubt, the safest bet is to ask the towboat crew. That's because there could be a big difference in the cost of each service, and it also determines who pays the bill, says Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). [Click Here to Read More.](#)

### **Third-Generation Tugboat Captain Opens On-The-Water Towing Company To Help Beaver Lake Boaters**

## ***First TowBoatUS Port in Arkansas***

**BEAVER LAKE, AR, July 15, 2008** – Capt. Jason Harte, a third generation commercial tug boat captain, has opened Beaver Lake's first full-time on-the-water towing service that provides tows back to a marina or launch ramp, fuel deliveries, battery jump-starts, or ungrounding services for recreational boaters. TowBoatUS Beaver Lake is located at Prairie Creek Marina and is the first TowBoatUS towing port in Arkansas. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

## **Award Winning Children's Life Jacket Loaner Program From BoatUS Foundation Seeks New Loaner Locations**

### ***Would You Like to Help Kids Stay Safe on the Water?***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 9, 2008** – The easiest way to ensure a child's safety on the water is to make sure they wear a properly-fitting life jacket. But children's growth spurts or last minute changes to the roster of invited guests don't always make wearing a life jacket easy. Your marina, bait shop, fuel dock or boat club may be able to help next season as the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is looking for new locations to become lending sites for its free Life Jacket Loaner Program for children. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

## **Hurricane Bertha Offshore, Reminding Boaters To Prepare For Storm Season**

### ***Four Tips from BoatUS to Prevent Hurricane Damage***

**HURRICANE ALLEY, VA, July 8, 2008** – With the first storm of the year, Hurricane Bertha, lurking offshore, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), with 40 years of experience gained from post-storm recovery efforts and thousands of hurricane-related insurance claims files, has four tips that can help your boat make it through this storm season. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

## **BoatUS Cooperating Marinas Ramping Up For National Marina Day August 9, 2008**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 8, 2008** – BoatUS Cooperating Marinas, which make boating more affordable by offering substantial discounts on fuel, transient slips and repairs, are ramping up for National Marina Day, Saturday, August 9, 2008. BoatUS (Boat Owners Association of The United States) and its 885 BoatU.S. Cooperating Marinas are co-sponsors of this grass-roots effort designed to bring local community attention to the valuable role marinas play in providing access to our waterways. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

## **Husband And Wife Team Aims To Get Boaters Safely Home On Lake Whitney**

**LAKE WHITNEY, TX, July 7, 2008** – Capt. David Lee Denz and his wife, Capt. Laura Denz, have opened Lake Whitney's first full-time TowBoatUS Lake Whitney is located at Lake Whitney Marina, TX at Jupiter Cove. [Click Here to Read More.](#)

## **Draft EPA Permit Opens Pandora's Box Of Compliance Problems For Boaters**

### ***Citizen Lawsuits and Uncertain State Requirements Loom***

**ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 1, 2008** – In response to a federal court order, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a draft permit for millions of recreational vessels for "normal operational discharges" that could open a Pandora's box of compliance problems and unfairly subject recreational boaters – including those who own canoes and kayaks - to potential nuisance lawsuits. [Click Here to Read More.](#)