

# State of the Recreational Boating Industry

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### Outdoor Recreation is BIG Business

- An overlooked economic giant, outdoor recreation makes up 2.2% of GDP, contributing \$378 Billion of value added each year to GDP
- Gross Output for Boating/Fishing/Other Water Activities (including wakeboarding) is \$38.6 Billion
- Outdoor recreation contributes more to the economy than such industries as mining and agriculture.



### Outdoor Recreation

Real Gross Output (Billions)



\*excludes apparel and accessories



### **National Trends**



### American Retail Spending on Boating



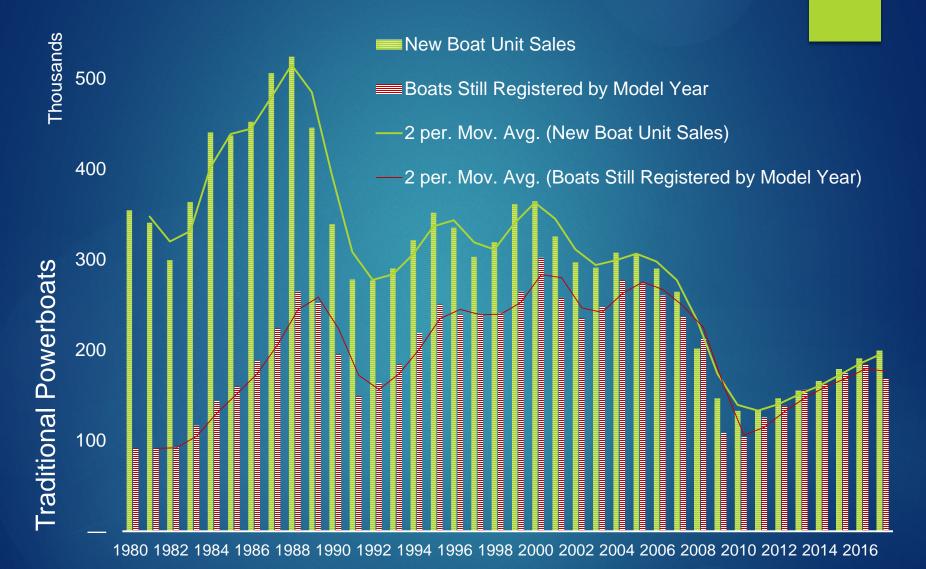


### Traditional Powerboat Retail Sales



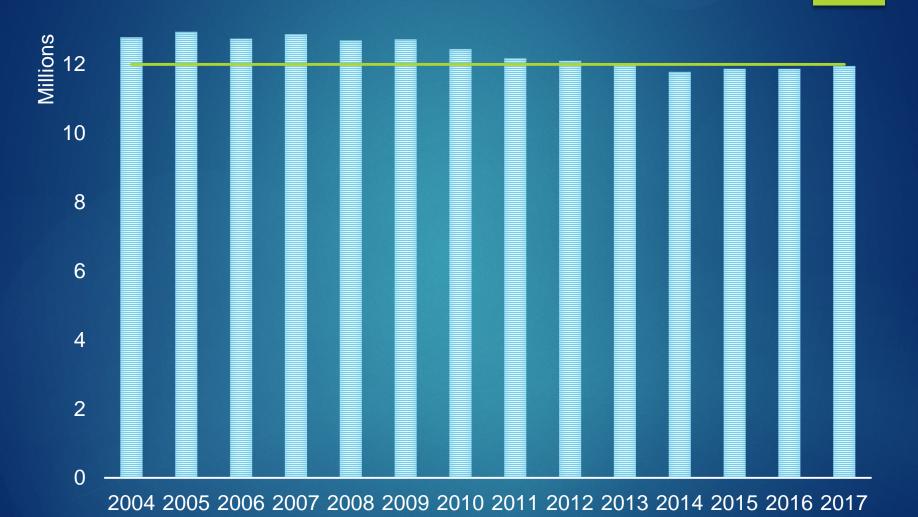


### Opportunity



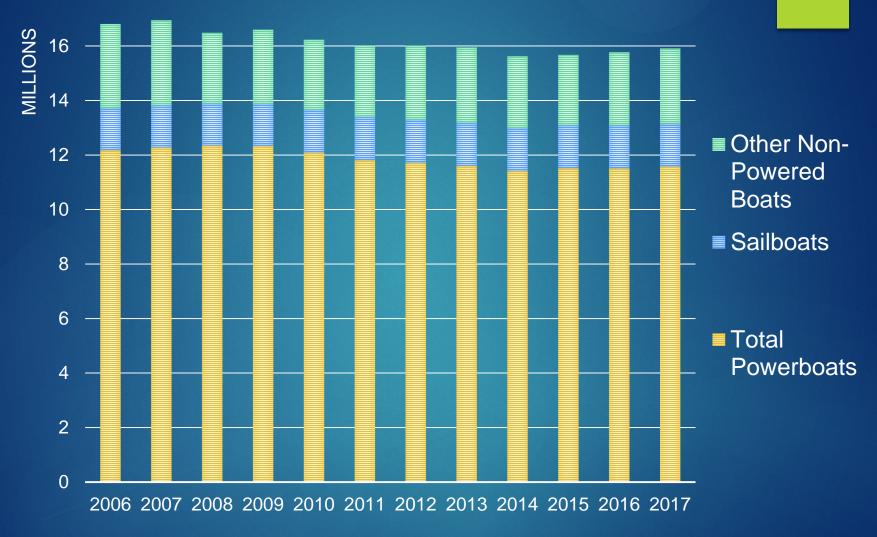


### U.S. Boat Registrations



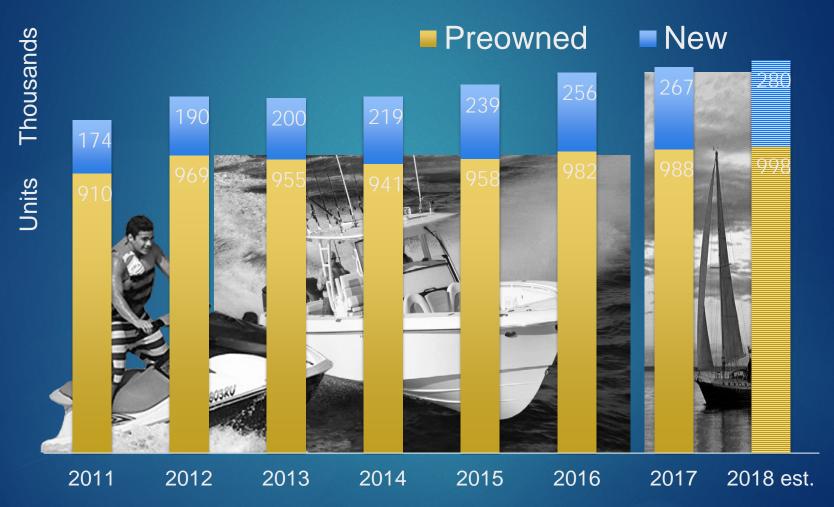


### Boats In Use



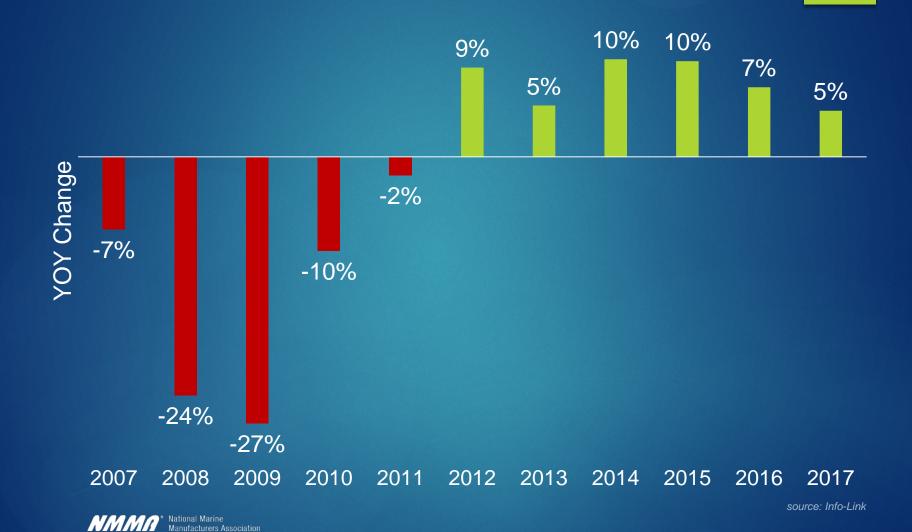


### Powerboat, PWC, and Sailboat Sales, New Versus Pre-Owned





### New Powerboat Retail Unit Sales



### 2017 Retail Unit Sales

Retail Units 12M YOY Change 9% 8% 2% 1% -1% PWC Portoon Soltworter Fish Runabout Tomboat

High Unit Volume

Low Unit Volume



### What Boating Requires to Grow



Consumer Confidence



Housing Growth



Consumer Spending

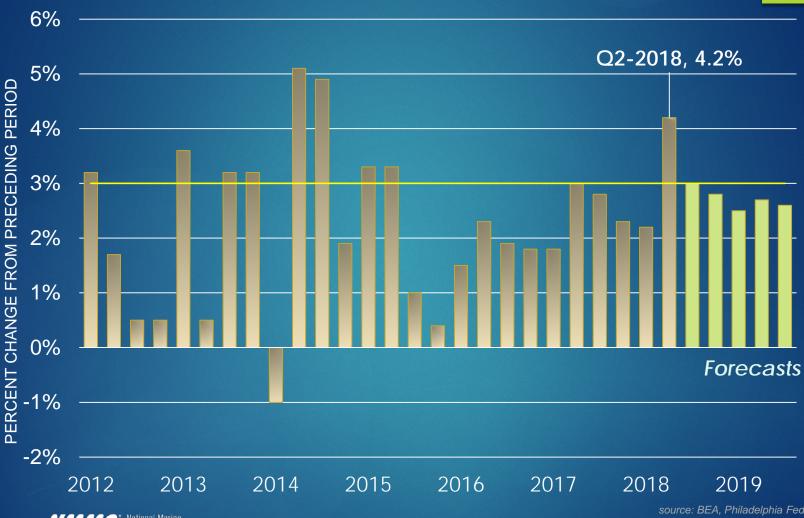


Job Creation



Healthy Economy





source: BEA, Philadelphia Fed

### Unemployment Rate

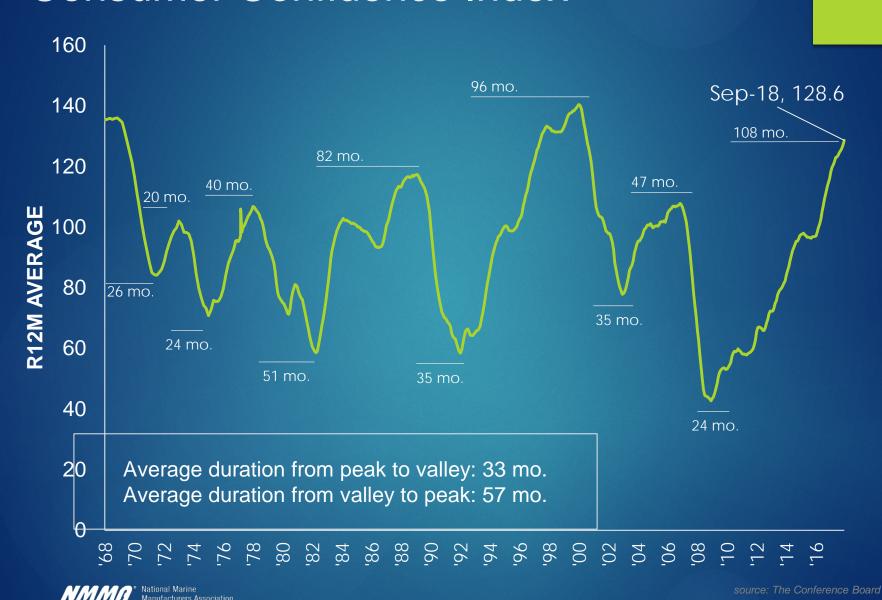
3.8% - August 2018



**U.S. Job Creation** 



#### Consumer Confidence Index



### Real Disposable Income



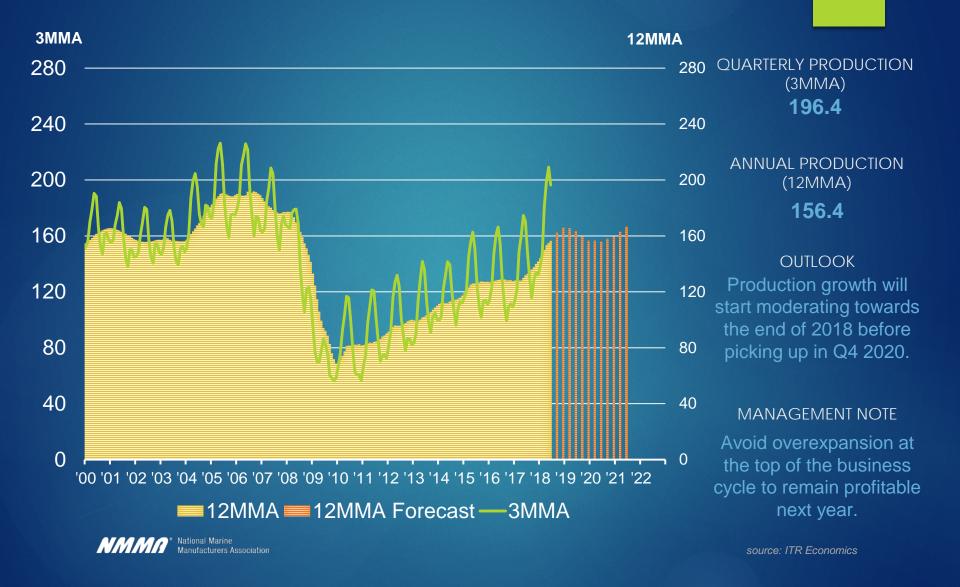


### Consumer Spending





### Wholesale Forecasts

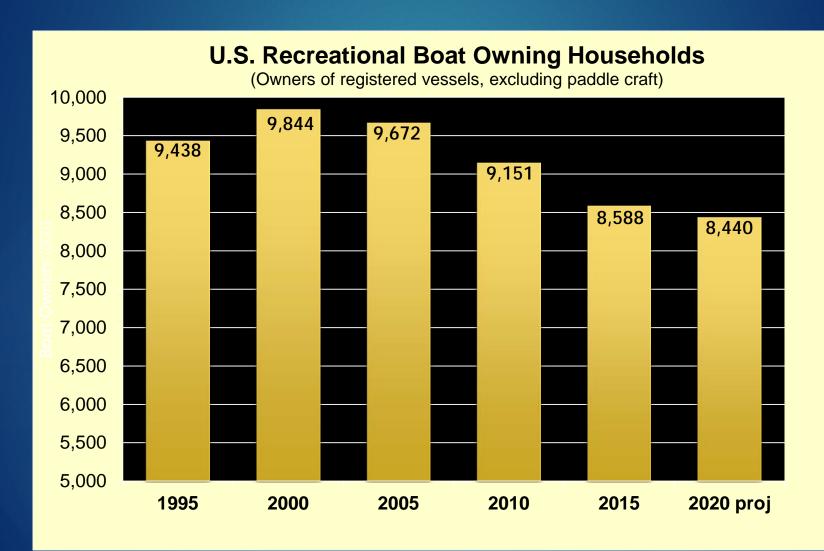


# It's Smooth Sailing. What Do We Need to Worry About?

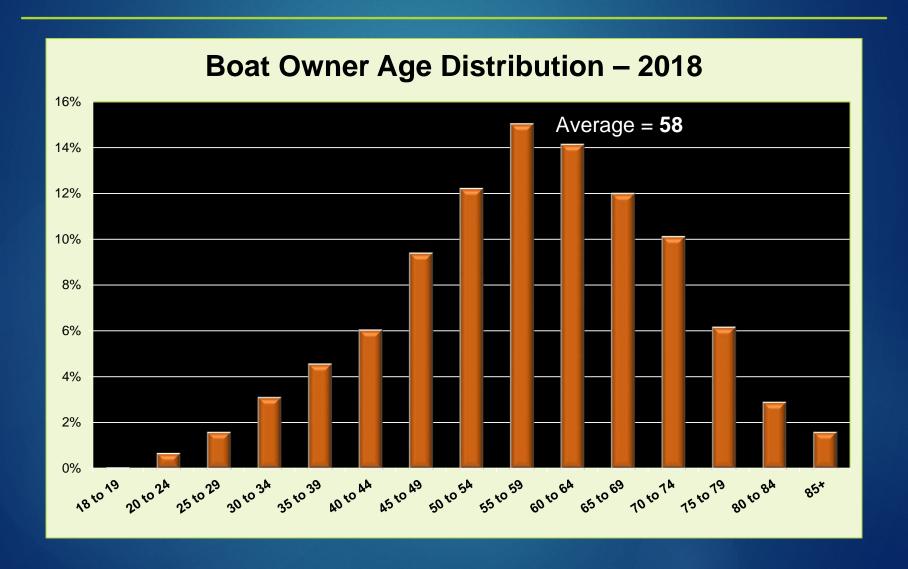




### Despite our Success, Total Boat Ownership Continues to Slowly Decline

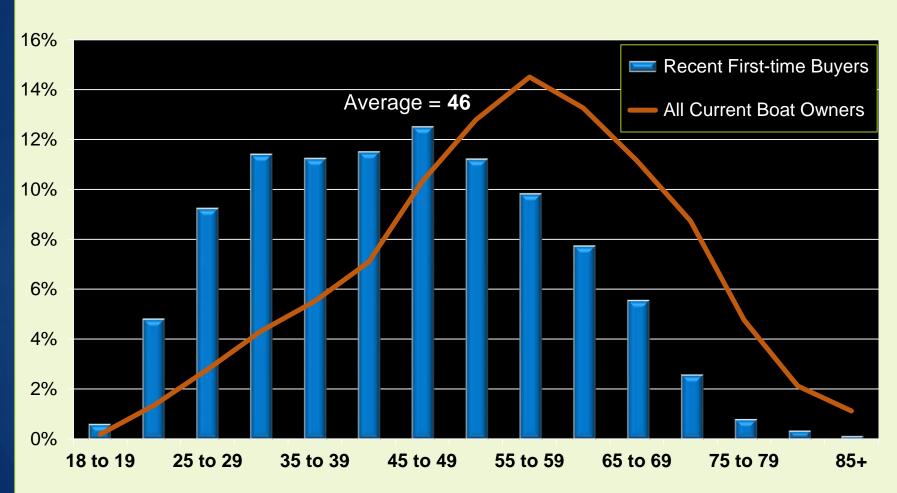


### Demographics of Boat Owners

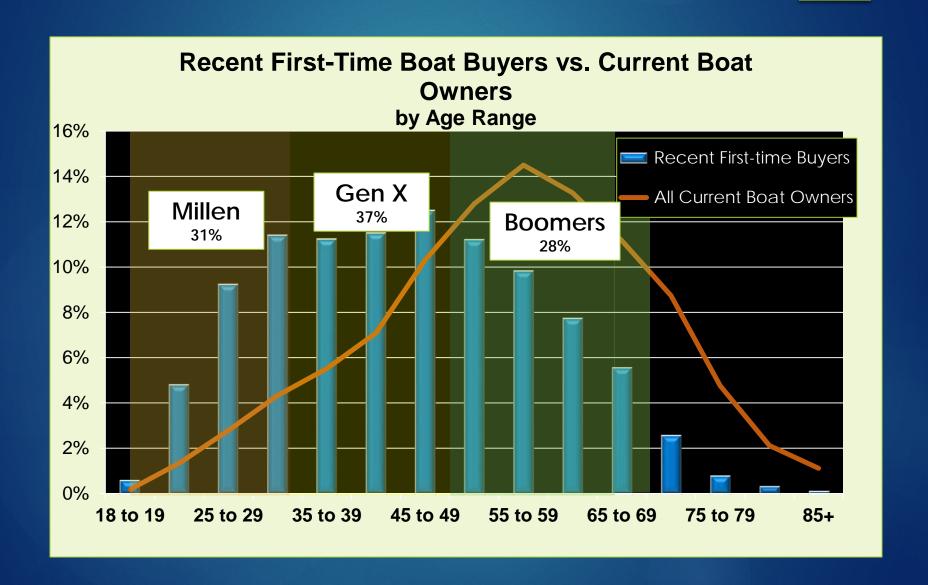


### Demographics – Recent FTBB

### Recent First-Time Boat Buyers vs. Current Boat Owners by Age Range



### Demographics – Recent FTBB



### Boaters without a Boat: Gen X & Millennials

- Potential is huge, even just among people who grew up boating
  - 20 million boat owners over the past two decades most of whom had, on average, 2.5 children each
- Plus, there are millions of "lapsed" boaters



### **The Next 20 Years**



### Looking Ahead to 2038





### Projected U.S. Pop. by Ethnicity

- White
- Black / African American
- American Indian / Alaska Native

- Hispanic / Latino
- Asian
  - Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander



National Marine
Manufacturers Association

source: U.S. Census

Note: Total U.S. population shown here is greater than estimated because Hispanics may be any race.

# Baby Boomers, Gen X & Millennials





#### In 20 years:

- Youngest Baby Boomer will be 74 and oldest will be 95
- Youngest Gen X will be58 and oldest will be 73
- Youngest Millennial will be 42 and oldest will be 57

### Gen X & Millennials



- Grew up online, do most shopping online.
- Value-focused
- Concerned about the environment
- Demand sustainable goods, corporate social responsibility
- "Delayed" life milestones



### Where We Are Today

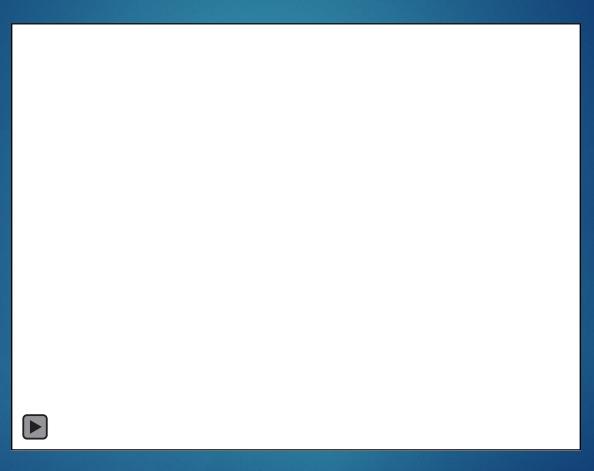
- Fairly resistant to change.
- ► But change we must!



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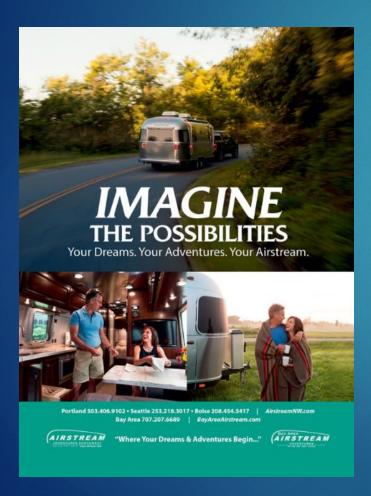


### We Are Too Product Focused





# RV Industry Focuses on the Lifestyle





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### Where We Need to Go



- In the next 20 years we must sell the experience
- Stronger marketing orientation
- Stronger Digital orientation
- Focus on creating a pipeline of future customers



### Where We Need to Go



- Bring a younger generation to boating
- The Millennial generation is the most diverse in history!
- We can't attract a younger audience without attracting a more diverse audience
- We must evolve and meet our future customers now



### Where Do We Start?

- Learn from the research and marketing done by industry consumer campaigns
- Use the free marketing resources at GrowBoating.org







### Where Do We Start

- Ensure adequate boating and fishing access
- Get involved politically



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## Impacts on Boating Industry at Every Level of Government

What's in our fuel?
How does trade impact our business?



Are boat ramps accessible? In need of a trained and skilled workforce?

Where we can fish? How are boats registered and titled?



### Where Do We Start?



- Focus on sustainability
- Find ways to recycle end of life boats
- Design for recycling
- Engage with NMMA



### We Can't Afford to Wait

Take action today to ensure our industry is still thriving in 20 years.



### Change Leaders Will Thrive

There is a bright future for those who change, adapt and address these challenges.



### Thank You!

