

# Act Now to Tell Congress to Pass Clean Boating Act

## Time is Running Out for America's Recreational Boaters & Marine Industry

### ISSUE

The Clean Boating Act of 2008 (S. 2766/H.R. 5949) is a strong, bipartisan bill that emerged out of a consensus process in order to prevent the unnecessary and unprecedented EPA/state permitting of America's recreational boats for their incidental, overboard water discharges. On June 26, the bill was brought up in the Senate on an expedited voting procedure known as a Unanimous Consent Agreement. **Unfortunately, one Senator objected to the bill, proposing instead that the legislation be expanded to include some commercial vessels. Under the Senate rules, this single objection has prevented the bill from moving forward right now.**

### ACTION

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from you **TODAY**. Call them using the phone numbers below or write them at [www.BoatBlue.org](http://www.BoatBlue.org) and tell them that you strongly support quick passage of S. 2766/H.R. 5949, the Clean Boating Act. If the bill is not passed before September 30, 2008, all recreational vessels will be swept up in a federal and state permitting regime for their weather run-off, bilge water, engine cooling water, and other incidental water discharges. Penalties for non-compliance are \$32,500 per day per violation and citizen lawsuits.

### TALKING POINTS

- I am calling to urge you to SUPPORT S. 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008 and work to quickly pass this bill for America's 18 million recreational boaters.
- The bill has passed Senate and House Committees and is ready to be voted on at anytime. Time is running out, with only a few weeks of legislative time left.
- If Congress does not pass this commonsense bill before Sept. 30, 2008, 18 million recreational boat owners are going to wonder why this sensible, simple bipartisan bill couldn't become law.
- They are going to wonder why Congress has not prevented the EPA from requiring a permit for things like rainwater run-off and engine cooling water, boaters will have to go through a complex and costly federal or state bureaucracy to get a permit just to go out of the water with their friends and family.
- Failure to comply with this unreasonable regulation would expose boaters to \$32,500 per day per incident fines and excessive legal jeopardy through citizen suits. This program was never designed or intended for recreational boaters.
- Please help us move forward on passing S. 2766 now. We are almost out of time and we need Congressional relief now.

# Senate Call Sheet and Current Cosponsor List

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