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A photograph of the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol building reflected in the water. The Washington Monument is on the left, and the U.S. Capitol building is on the right. The water is calm, and the sky is blue. There are some trees and flowers in the foreground on the right side.

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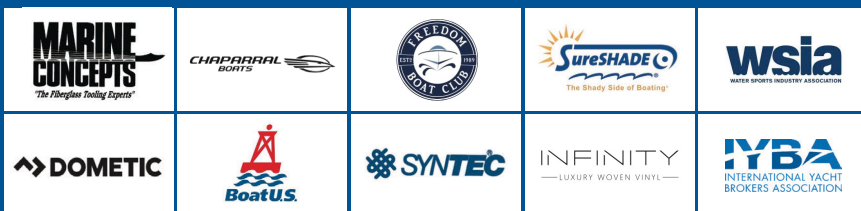
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A Note from NMMMA's President

On behalf of the co-hosts and sponsors of the 2017 American Boating Congress, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to Washington, D.C. for three days of boating advocacy. ABC provides a unique once-a-year opportunity to come together as an industry, network with industry influencers, formulate public policy and present a unified front on issues that impact marine businesses. Under the new Administration, major policy decisions are on the Congressional horizon. It is critical to engage with our nation's decision makers now to shape priorities for the 115th Congress and White House that ensure a bright future for our industry. And for this, we thank you for joining us to champion recreational boating!

We've filled all three days of ABC with informative speeches, thought-provoking workshops and the chance to meet industry influencers from across the nation. This conference is your chance to learn from industry experts about timely and critical issues facing your business. Most importantly, ABC offers you the rare opportunity to meet directly with your Congressmen on Capitol Hill in order to advocate on behalf of your company and the entire industry.

This year, we've planned an impressive speaker line-up featuring top political analysts, industry experts and regulatory leaders who are available to answer industry and policy specific questions. Our keynote is award-winning journalist and author, and Chief CNN Washington Correspondent and Anchor, Jake Tapper. We also have a number of new issue workshops and breakout sessions, and will be addressing hot button topics including tax reform, trade, immigration, and infrastructure spending.

A detailed agenda and speaker biographies are provided in this booklet. And new for 2017, accompanying the ABC Conference Brochure is the *2017 Policy Agenda—Marine Manufacturing: Powering the Nation's Economy*—a new resource to help you educate members of Congress, arming you with the policies most affecting our industry.

Our distinguished event co-hosts have worked together to ensure ABC's agenda is packed with timely and relevant policy matters, so that together, we can share the importance of the recreational boating economy. These co-host organizations, listed on the following pages, are an integral part of planning ABC, contributing time to program development and encouraging their members to attend and participate in making ABC a success. Your co-hosts would like to extend our special thanks to this year's conference sponsors, listed on page 6, who have made ABC possible. We could not collectively host this important industry event without the generous support of all of our partners.

We are delighted that you are here for ABC in a most critical time in Washington and can't thank you enough for your participation and commitment to the industry's long term health. YOU are the best advocate to instrument change for the boating industry!

We hope your experience at ABC 2017 is both educational and impactful.

Sincerely,



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Schedule of Events

**Indicates closed events by invitation only.*

MONDAY, MAY 15

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
8:30am-5:00pm	Mount Vernon Square B	National Marine Trades Council Meeting*
12:00pm-5:00pm	Congressional Registration Area	Registration
	Mount Vernon Square A	Recreational Boating Leadership Council Meeting*
3:00pm-5:00pm	Meeting Room 15	AMI Legislative Committee Meeting*
4:00pm-5:30pm	Meeting Room 16	BoatPAC Committee Meeting*
6:00pm-8:00pm	Carnegie Library at Mt. Vernon Square 801 K Street, NW Washington D.C. 20001	Welcome Reception

TUESDAY, MAY 16

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
7:30am-4:00pm	Congressional Registration	Registration
7:30am-8:00am	Congressional Ballroom A/B	Breakfast & Welcome, Thom Dammrich, President, NMMA
8:00am-8:30am	Congressional Ballroom A/B	"Inside the Beltway" Republican and Democrat Insights
8:00am-11:00am	Meeting Room 15	AMI Board of Directors Meeting*
8:30am-8:45am	Congressional Ballroom Foyer	Break
8:45am-9:15am	Meeting Room 8	Business Track Tax Policy: the impact of reform on your business and customers
	Meeting Room 9	Environment & Access Track Access & Conservation: a case study for Everglades' restoration
	Meeting Room 10/11	Workforce & Compliance Track Workforce Development: attracting and retaining talent and the role of government in supporting company growth

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
9:25am-9:55am	Meeting Room 8	Business Track Infrastructure: improving access across the nation's lands and waterways with a 21st century infrastructure system
	Meeting Room 9	Environment & Access Track Boating Safety: keeping our boaters and waterways safe—2017 boating safety priorities
	Meeting Room 10/11	Workforce & Compliance Track Fuel Policy: the future of ethanol and reforming the Renewable Fuel Standard
10:05am-10:35am	Meeting Room 8	Business Track Trade: the future of U.S. trade agreements, the EU and North American Free Trade Agreement
	Meeting Room 9	Environment & Access Track Recreational Fishing: modernizing recreational fishing saltwater policy and recruiting the next generation of anglers
	Meeting Room 10/11	Workforce & Compliance Track Environment, Health & Safety Compliance: national and international marine manufacturing regulations
9:00am-11:00am	Mount Vernon Square B	USSA Board Meeting*
10:30am-11:30am	Meeting Room 5	NMMA Board and Staff Head Shots
10:35am-10:50am	Congressional Ballroom Foyer	Break
10:50am-11:20am	Congressional Ballroom A/B	Hill Visit Strategy Session
11:20am-1:00pm	Congressional Ballroom A/B	Luncheon and Keynote Speaker: Jake Tapper, Award-Winning Journalist and Author; Chief CNN Washington Correspondent and Anchor, The Lead with Jake Tapper and State of the Union
12:00pm-6:00pm	Mount Vernon Square A	MRAA Board of Directors Meeting*
1:00pm-2:30pm	Meeting Room 15	EMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*
	Meeting Room 16	MACD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*
	Mount Vernon Square B	BMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*
1:00pm-3:00pm	Meeting Room 5	NMMA Board and Staff Head Shots
1:30pm-5:30pm	Capitol Hill	Hill Meetings
2:45pm-3:45pm	Congressional Ballroom A/B	NMMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*

3:00pm-5:00pm	NMMA DC Office	PWIA Board Meeting*
3:45pm-5:30pm	Congressional Ballroom A/B	NMMA/MRAA JOINT BOARD MEETING*
6:00pm-8:00pm	20 F Street, Rooftop, NW Washington, D.C. 20001	Recreational Angling and Boating Reception* This reception is limited to NMMA and/or MRAA members. For questions on how to attend, please contact Erica Crocker at ecrocker@nmma.org . All attendees must fill out a prior approval form prior to attending.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT									
7:30am-8:00am	Congressional Registration	Registration and Breakfast									
8:00am-12:00pm	Congressional Ballroom A/B	GENERAL SESSION** confirmed speakers to include: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26)</td></tr> <tr><td>Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13)</td></tr> <tr><td>Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN)</td></tr> <tr><td>Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL-21)</td></tr> <tr><td>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3)</td></tr> <tr><td>Rep. Garrett Graves (R-LA-6)</td></tr> <tr><td>Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ-3)</td></tr> <tr><td>Paul Rauch, Assistant Director, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</td></tr> <tr><td>Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, United States Coast Guard</td></tr> </table>	Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26)	Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13)	Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN)	Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL-21)	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3)	Rep. Garrett Graves (R-LA-6)	Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ-3)	Paul Rauch, Assistant Director, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, United States Coast Guard
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12:00pm-1:00pm	Congressional Ballroom A/B	Luncheon									
1:00pm-5:00pm	Capitol Hill	Hill Meetings									
5:00pm-7:00pm	Rayburn House Office Building Independence Ave. SW and South Capitol St., Room B338/339	National Safe Boating Council & National Marine Manufacturers Association Congressional Reception									

All meetings take place at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel (999 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001) unless otherwise indicated.

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**Speakers are listed alphabetically with no specific assigned time.



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Monday, May 15th | 6:00pm–8:00pm

The Welcome Reception will be held at the Carnegie Library, located at 801 K Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20001, conveniently located directly across the street from the Renaissance hotel.



CARS OR UBER

Hill Meetings

Tuesday, May 16th | 1:30pm–5:30pm

Wednesday, May 17th | 1:00pm–5:00pm

Conference transportation will not be provided to Capitol Hill for your visits with elected officials. Cabs will be available in the driveway at the front entrance of the hotel. We also recommend using UBER to schedule a pick up. First time users, download the UBER app and use Code “omec0” for a discount.



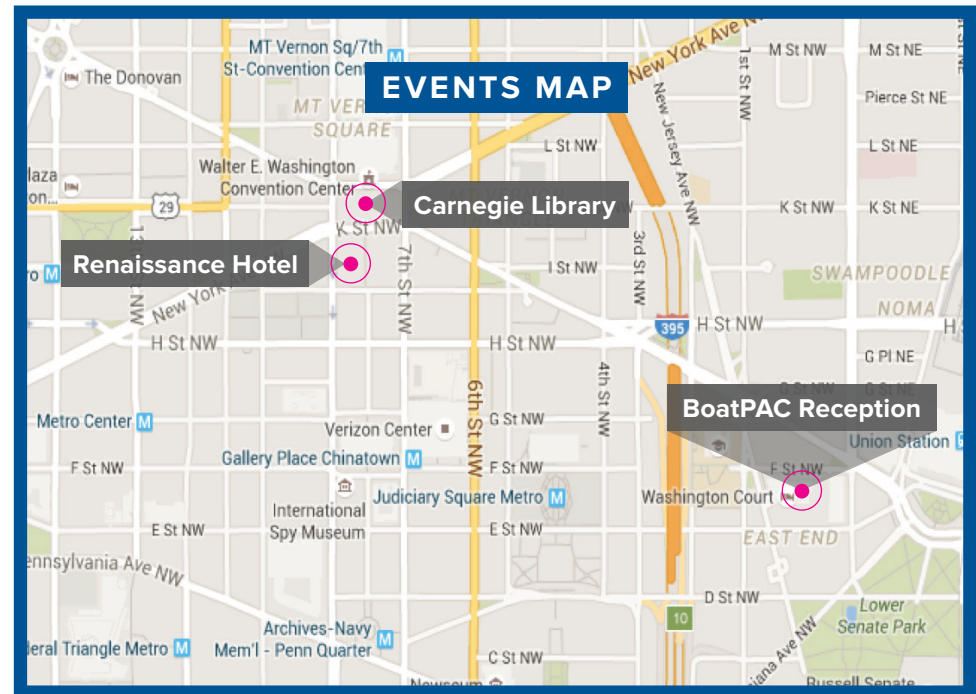
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Recreational Angling & Boating Reception

Tuesday, May 16th | 6:00pm–8:00pm

The Recreational Angling and Boating Reception will be held at 20 F Street NW, rooftop. Transportation will be provided, departing from the Renaissance Hotel at the corner of New York Ave. and 9th Street.

DEPARTURE SCHEDULE	RETURN SCHEDULE
5:45pm	7:40pm
5:55pm	7:50pm
6:05pm	8:00pm
6:15pm	8:20pm



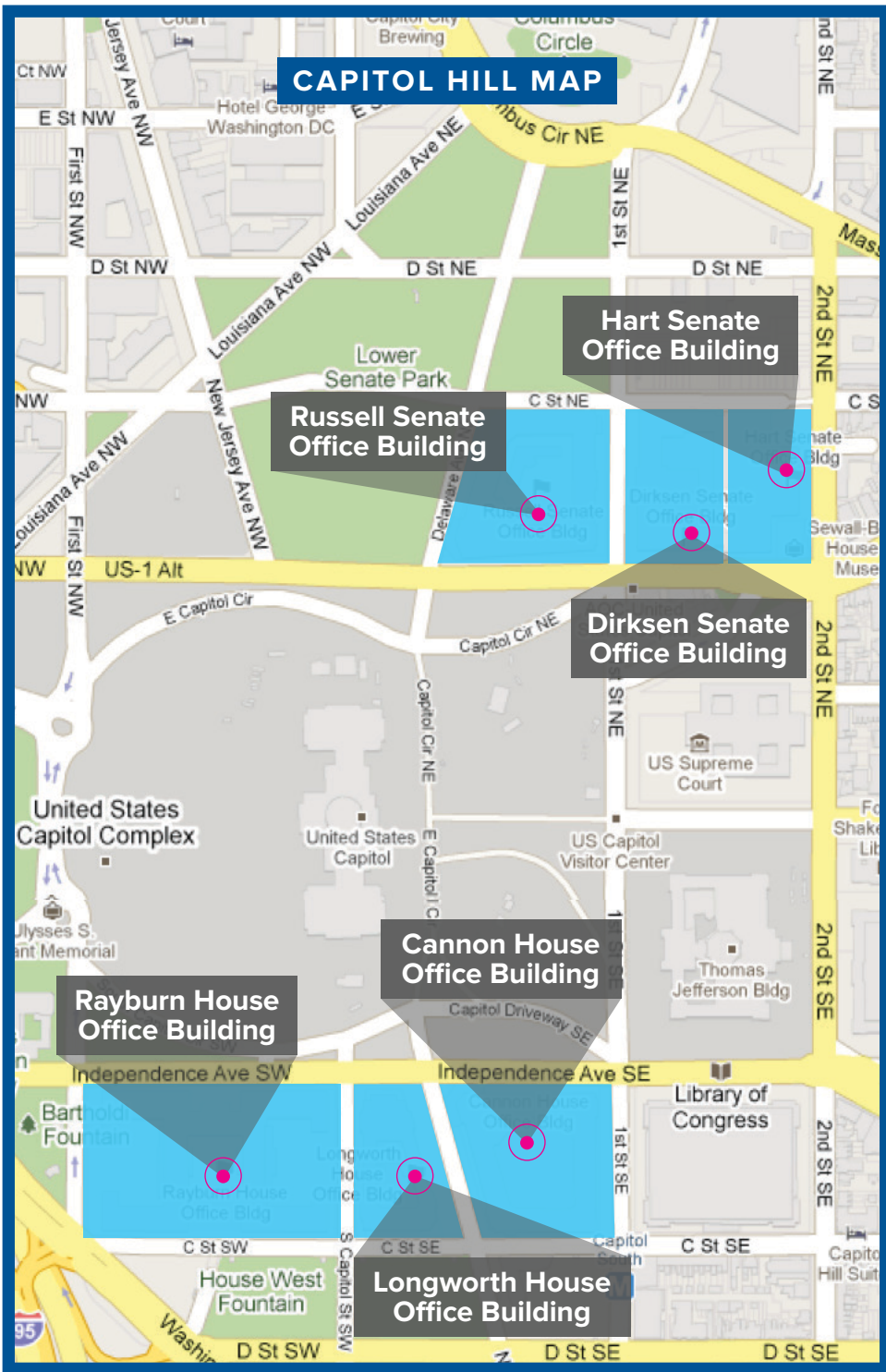
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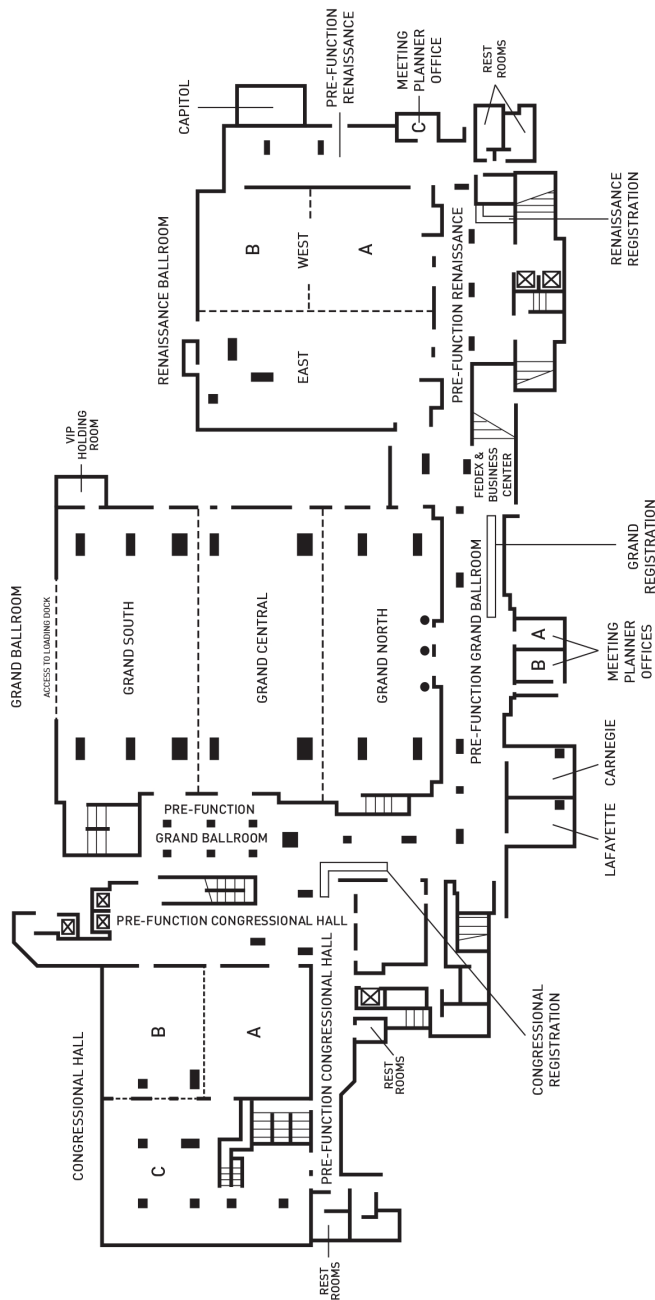
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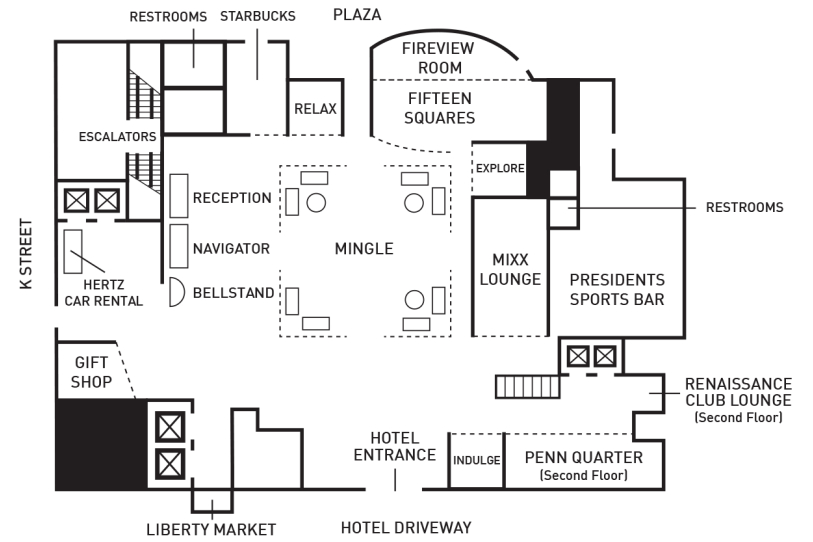


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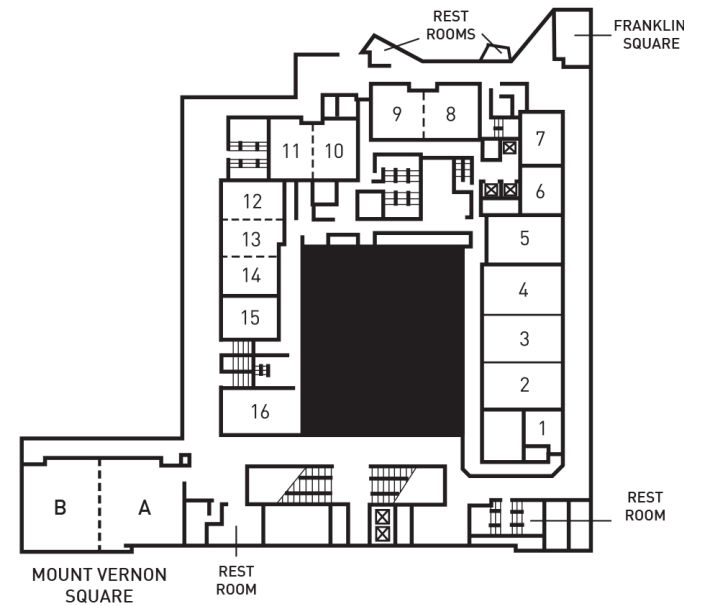
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General Session

Speakers



REP. CARLOS CURBELO R-FL-26

Born to Cuban exiles that fled Fidel Castro's regime in the 1960s, Carlos Curbelo is a father, husband and former small business owner who has dedicated his life to serving his South Florida neighbors.

Carlos grew up in Miami and attended John G. DuPuis Elementary and Belen Jesuit Preparatory School before graduating from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

After graduation, Carlos started his own public and media relations firm, where he would spend the next twelve years learning firsthand of the struggles small business owners face across the country. While his business continued to grow, Carlos knew he wanted to give back to his community, and in 2002 he co-founded Centre Court Charities, a non-profit organization that runs basketball leagues for South Florida high school students during the summer months.

Carlos jumped into public service in 2009 when he was named State Director for U.S. Senator George LeMieux and took responsibility for overseeing staff in seven offices throughout the state while also advising the Senator on Latin-American policy and Hispanic issues. Shortly after, Carlos was appointed to the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a group of community leaders tasked with prioritizing local transportation and infrastructure projects.

In 2010, Carlos was elected to the Miami-Dade County School Board, which oversees the fourth largest school district in the country at the time. Together with his board colleagues, Carlos was part of a historic effort to improve the quality of education and put students and teachers first, resulting in major gains in student performance and graduation rates.

Carlos was elected to represent the people of Florida's 26th Congressional District in 2014. During his first term, Carlos fought for common sense solutions and worked with Republicans and Democrats to improve the quality of life for the people of South Florida.

Carlos was reelected in 2016 and is now in his second term and serving on the prestigious House Committee on Ways and Means, which is taking the lead on tax reform.

Carlos lives in Kendall with his wife Cecilia and their daughters Sylvie and Carolina.



REP. RODNEY DAVIS R-IL-13

Rodney Davis was recently sworn into his third term in Congress serving the 13th District of Illinois, a 14-county district covering both urban and rural areas of Central and Southwestern Illinois. Prior to being elected, Rodney served as Projects Director for Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15) for 16 years helping Illinois citizens and communities cut through government red tape and secure federal funding.

For the 115th Congress, Rodney serves on the House Agriculture Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Administration Committee. He has also been appointed to serve as the Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.

Rodney has established himself as an effective lawmaker who is able to work with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation. Serving on both the House Agriculture Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has allowed Rodney to be a leader on issues essential to commerce in Illinois.

Rodney's work on the Farm Bill helped Congress produce a five-year bill that provides certainty to our farmers, strengthens crop insurance and cuts \$23 billion in spending. Additionally, Rodney led the way to ensure farmers, who understand agriculture better than anyone, have a seat at the table when the EPA creates new rules and regulations impacting the agriculture industry.

While working to reform the Water Resources and Development Act, Rodney was successful in including language that allows the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to partner with private businesses to complete projects needed to improve our waterways. This initiative and other streamlining provisions to cut the approval process for projects from 15 years to 3 years will save millions of taxpayer dollars and significantly improve our nation's ability to move goods and products to market.

Rodney has demonstrated his ability to lead even in a divided government. The Hire More Heroes Act, his bill to help small businesses hire more of our nation's veterans by rolling back Obamacare, overwhelmingly passed the House with more than 400 supporting votes and was signed into law in July 2015. Rodney has worked with his colleagues to ensure a more efficient, effective government for generations to come.

Rodney resides in Taylorville with his wife, Shannon, and their three children, Toryn, Clark and Griffin.



SEN. JOE DONNELLY D-IN

Senator Joe Donnelly represents the State of Indiana in the U.S. Senate. Previously, he served the 2nd Congressional District of Indiana in the House of Representatives, and was first elected in 2006. After being reelected to the House in 2008 and 2010, he was elected to the Senate in 2012.

In the Senate, he serves on the Armed Services Committee, Banking Committee, Agriculture Committee, and Aging Committee. In the Armed Services Committee, he serves as the Ranking Member of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee and on the Airland and Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittees. On the Agriculture Committee, he serves on the following subcommittees: Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management, on which he serves as Ranking Member; Jobs, Rural Development and Energy; and Livestock, Marketing and Agriculture Security. On the Banking Committee, he serves as Ranking Member on the National Security and International Trade and Finance subcommittee and on the Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection subcommittee and the Economic Policy subcommittee.

Prior to serving in Congress, Joe helped run a small business in Mishawaka. As a result of this firsthand experience, Joe understands the unique challenges that business owners face today. Joe also practiced law in South Bend. Joe previously worked with both Democrats and Republicans to ensure fair and accurate election results by serving on the Indiana State Election Board from 1988 to 1989. Additionally, he was a member of the School Board for Mishawaka Marian High School from 1997 to 2001, serving as President during the 2000 to 2001 term.

Joe lives with his wife Jill in north central Indiana.



REP. LOIS FRANKEL D-FL-21

Lois Frankel, who serves as Co-Chair of the Congressional Boating Caucus, is an experienced public servant with a strong record of bringing jobs and opportunity to South Florida. After serving 14 years in the Florida state legislature, including as the first woman Democratic Minority Leader, Lois became Mayor of West Palm Beach in 2003, where she served for eight years.

Lois was first elected November 6, 2012 to represent Florida's 22nd Congressional District, which stretches from Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County to Ft. Lauderdale and Plantation in Broward County. She was the first woman to represent Florida's 22nd congressional district. In 2016, Lois was re-elected to represent the newly drawn 21st District of Florida, which covers Palm Beach County. She was also elected as Co-Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus for the 115th Congress. Lois serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure and Foreign Affairs Committees.

As a Member of Congress, Lois has continued her record as a champion for seniors, families, veterans and small businesses. Additionally, she remains staunchly committed to women's equality and access to health care. In her first year of office, Lois helped to pass the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, worked to bring justice to victims of military sexual assault, and brought community leaders together to help address the serious issue of human trafficking in the South Florida community. Lois is a strong supporter of the Democratic Women's Economic Agenda, which includes guaranteeing equal pay for women, raising the minimum wage, and giving families access to affordable child care and retirement security. She is the Vice Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus and is a proud member of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus.



REP. JOHN GARAMENDI D-CA-3

John Garamendi joined the U.S. House of Representatives on November 5, 2009. He brings nearly four decades of public service to the House Armed Services and Transportation & Infrastructure committees. He has been a tireless proponent of job creation, quality and affordable health care, education, environmental protection, and scientific research, while always working to ensure the stability and success of the state he has

always called home.

As California's 46th Lieutenant Governor, John was Chair of the Commission for Economic Development, where he transformed this important body into a powerhouse to advocate for workforce development, vocational education, and research. As a Regent of the University of California and Trustee for the California State University System, he fought to hold the line on student fee increases and excessive administrator salaries. As Chair of the California State Lands Commission, he led the fight against new offshore oil drilling.

John was elected to the California legislature in 1974, where he served for 16 years, attaining the position of Senate Majority Leader. His laws established California's emergency medical system, expanded community health clinics, created a work-oriented welfare program, protected Lake Tahoe and Mono Lakes, and developed an overall state agenda for competitiveness and scientific advancement. He authored the Senior Center Bond Act and a proposition that brought \$18 billion to public transit and highways.

In 1991, John became California's Insurance Commissioner. He successfully implemented Proposition 103, reforming the auto and homeowner insurance industry. He delivered over \$1 billion in rebates to insurance consumers and lowered homeowner and auto insurance rates, saving consumers over \$24 billion. Under his leadership the Department protected homeowners devastated by the Oakland Hills Fire, forcing insurers to fully pay for rebuilding. His Department earned a reputation as the best consumer protection agency in the nation.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton appointed John as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Interior Department. He spearheaded efforts to resolve water disputes in California and to protect the Sacramento San Joaquin River Delta. He negotiated the purchase of the Headwaters Forest, coordinated research on global warming, and established habitat conservation plans in California.

Reelected California's Insurance Commissioner in 2002, John set about rebuilding the Department. His work culminated in new laws that led to a 58% reduction in workers compensation costs. His Home Owners Bill of Rights added protections for homeowners and reduced their premiums by over \$500 million. He reestablished an aggressive anti-fraud task force, sponsored legislation to prevent senior insurance scams, improved protections for disabled consumers, and stopped insurance brokers from overcharging business consumers. He developed a comprehensive health care report analyzing California's health care system with 43 concrete recommendations.

One of John's passions is a commitment to international service. He led a group of returned Peace Corps volunteers on a peace mission during the Ethiopian-Eritrea war in 1998-2000, helping to negotiate a peace treaty. He created a similar team that assisted in peace negotiations in the Congo Civil War.

Rep. Garamendi has forged a reputation as a fierce defender of consumers and a visionary, effective leader. He possesses the unique wealth of knowledge and experience necessary to tackle today's complex challenges.

John and his wife started their married life as Peace Corps volunteers teaching and doing community development work in Ethiopia. Patti has served as Assistant Director of the Peace Corps and as a Deputy Administrator at the United States Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service. John and Patti live in Walnut Grove and have six children and ten grandchildren.



REP. GARRET GRAVES R-LA-6

Garret Graves is a Republican Member of Congress representing Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District – 13 parishes stretching north of Baton Rouge through the Capital Region down to Louisiana's Bayou country. Garrett sits on the House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources.

At the start of the 115th Congress, Garret was named Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, which oversees water resources development and regulatory programs administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with other agencies and water-related programs. As Chairman, Garrett will play an expanded role in shaping legislation to limit the scope and economic damages of agency regulations, shorten the time it takes for projects to be completed and bring efficiency to how the government works.

In his position of leadership, Garret will play an important role translating the Trump Administration's proposed Infrastructure Package into legislation in the coming years, particularly with respect to bridges, flood protection, ports, waterways and coastal restoration.

Garrett, who recently finished his second year serving in the House of Representatives, has more than 20 years of experience working on energy, infrastructure, fisheries, maritime and water resources issues.

In addition to his policy expertise and years of private sector work, he served as Louisiana's Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) where he managed for the state one of America's largest civil works programs in history and successfully streamlined government while boosting its productivity. Under Garrett's tenure, Louisiana constructed more flood protection infrastructure and restored more miles of coastline than at any other period of time in the State's history.

Garret is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he still resides with his wife Carissa and their three children.



REP. TOM MACARTHUR R-NJ-3

After graduating from Hofstra University, Tom MacArthur started out as an Insurance Adjuster in New York City, with an annual salary of \$13,000. In the years that followed he went on to build a successful 30-year career in the insurance industry, which culminated in serving as Chairman and CEO of York Risk Services Group, Inc. which provided insurance and managed care services, and operated mutual insurers and a reinsurer.

Under Tom's dynamic leadership, the company grew from a small local firm to a multi-national company with thousands of employees.

Tom brings experience as a limited partner in multiple private equity funds and Master Limited Partnerships. Tom recognizes the importance of all forms of capital to our economy and also brings considerable experience as a CEO and private investor in debt markets, including acquisition financing; corporate and public sector bonds; and mezzanine financing.

Following his career in the private sector, Tom also served as a local Mayor and Councilman.

Tom serves on the House Committee on Financial Services where his top priority will be reforming the National Flood Insurance Program to provide Jersey Shore residents certainty for the future.

In Congress, Tom has supported policies that spur job creation, empower individuals, provide our military the tools they need to defend our freedom in a dangerous world and honor the service of our veterans and their families when they come home.



PAUL RAUCH

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Paul Rauch is the Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Paul is responsible for the administration and oversight of federal grant programs that provide over \$1 billion of funding annually to help States, territories and the District

of Columbia conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, their habitats, and the hunting, sport fishing and recreational boating opportunities they provide.

Previously, Paul has served as Assistant Director for Business Management and Operations for the Service. In this role, he served as the Chief Financial Officer, Head of the Contracting Activity, Designated Safety and Health Official, and Senior Sustainability Officer, while leading the financial operations, procurement, facilities, personal property, engineering, economics and safety programs for the organization. In addition to his business management experience, Paul has a background in natural resource management and has worked in a variety of positions over his 24-year career with the Service.



JAKE TAPPER

AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR; CHIEF CNN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT AND ANCHOR, THE LEAD WITH JAKE TAPPER AND STATE OF THE UNION

Jake Tapper is a hugely-influential and award-winning American journalist who currently serves as Chief Washington Correspondent for CNN and the anchor of the network's weekday television news show *The Lead with Jake Tapper* and

Sunday morning affairs program *State of the Union*. Tapper has been recognized for being a fair and balanced commentator and critic whose unbiased reporting makes him—as media power rankings site Mediate put it—an “equal opportunity skeptic—confronting Democratic politicians just as toughly as he would Republican ones.” According to *The New York Times*, Tapper’s *The Lead* “proved that it’s possible to create an afternoon news show that is intelligent, non-ideological and not horribly boring.” He comments on daily news, elections, and popular culture items and brings an unabashedly honest, smart, and to-the-point reporting style to presentations and panels that breaks down tough issues while getting to the heart of the stories that drive American culture today. Likeable, consistent, and up-to-the-minute, Tapper’s no-spin commentary makes you think while keeping you entertained.

For his extraordinary reporting, Tapper has been awarded two National Headliner Awards: Best Newscast and Best Coverage of a Major News Event—for his team’s non-stop coverage of the devastating 2015 Paris Terror Attacks. In 2014, Mediate named *The Lead* the best show on cable news and Tapper the best cable news host. In September 2015, Tapper moderated the Simi Valley, California Republican primary debate that drew more than 23 million viewers and became the second most-watched primary debate of all time—and the most-watched program in CNN history. Before working with CNN, Tapper worked for ABC News for nine years, where he served as Senior White House Correspondent and was awarded the Merriman Smith Award for presidential coverage under deadline pressure by the White House Correspondents’ Association an unprecedented three years in a row. Exclusively represented by Leading Authorities, Tapper was also a part of the team that earned a 2009 Emmy Award for live coverage of President Obama’s inauguration.

Tapper has contributed to *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, *World News with Diane Sawyer*, NPR’s *All Things Considered*, and, for six months, served as interim anchor for ABC’s *This Week*. Tapper has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *GQ*, *The New Yorker*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and more, and his comic strip “Capitol Hell” was published for almost 10 years in *Roll Call*. His 2012 book, *The Outpost: An Untold Story of American Valor*, debuted at number 10 on *The New York Times* Best Sellers list and went on to receive the 2014 “Tex” McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Prior to joining ABC News, Tapper was the national correspondent for Salon.com, writing on a range of topics from political profiles to the accounting scandal at Enron. Tapper has frequently reported on American popular culture, previously hosting television shows for VH1 and The Sundance Channel and conducting interviews for ABC News with Tiger Woods, Don Cheadle, Michael Moore,

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and Steve Jobs. Tapper graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College and got his start in journalism at the *Washington City Paper*, where he won a Society of Professional Journalists award for his work.



REAR ADMIRAL PAUL THOMAS

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Rear Admiral Paul Thomas serves as the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy overseeing three Coast Guard directorates: Inspections and Compliance, Marine Transportation Systems, and Commercial Regulations and Standards. The programs under his leadership include: waterways management, navigation and boating safety, ports and facilities, merchant mariner credentialing, vessel documentation, marine casualty investigation, commercial vessel inspections, and port state control.

A specialist in Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, he has served at the Marine Safety Center in Washington, DC; Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay, CA; Marine Safety Detachment Port Canaveral, FL; and Marine Safety Office Jacksonville, FL. He has also served as Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Galveston, TX; Commander of Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, FL, and as the Director of Inspections and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters.




His other tours include Fifth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship; Military Assistant to the Director of Net Assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Commanding Officer of USCGC CAPE ROMAIN and Operations Officer of USCGC BLACKHAW.

Rear Admiral Thomas is a graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2005 he completed a National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and in 2010 he served as a Senior Fellow to the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group (SSG XXIX).

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Transportation 9/11 Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

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Issue Workshops

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Improving access across the nation's lands and waterways with a 21st century infrastructure system

Much of our nation is facing an Eisenhower-era infrastructure system that cannot meet the demands of the 21st century. Roads and bridges are critical to transporting product across the U.S. The "blue and green" infrastructure is just as critical to the success of the boating industry and ability of consumers to recreate on federal land and waters. President Trump has promised a \$1 trillion infrastructure package to update our crumbling system, address maintenance backlogs, and provide job growth throughout the country. Learn about infrastructure improvements that could benefit boating and make sure our waterways and public lands are included in infrastructure legislation.

TRADE

The future of U.S. trade agreements, the EU and North American Free Trade Agreement

President Trump has signaled a change in U.S. trade policy, with one of his first actions to withdraw the U.S. from the multilateral Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). What trade policy could be impacted next? Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)? The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)? Hear from industry experts on the outlook of U.S. trade policy and how the boating industry will be impacted.

ENVIRONMENT & ACCESS TRACK

ACCESS & CONSERVATION

A case study for Everglades' restoration

Water quality is essential to recreational boating access and the use and enjoyment of boating industry products. Healthy and sustainable water ensures enjoyable recreation, abundant fisheries, reliable drinking water and attractive grounds for tourism. The current situation in the South Florida Everglades is putting the environment at risk, impacting local economies, and shutting out boaters to our some of our nation's most popular boating and fishing destinations. Learn potential solutions to address the water flow and water quality issues in the Everglades and what the federal government can do to support state efforts.

BOATING SAFETY

Keeping our boaters and waterways safe – 2017 boating safety priorities

Make sure the recreational voice is heard loud and clear by Congress and the United States Coast Guard in 2017. Congress will tackle the 2017 Coast Guard authorization, providing the recreational boating community an opportunity to move forward important safety initiatives involving engine cut-off devices, flares, and on-water training. Learn how you can advocate for boating safety, and also how personnel, budget, and Administrative directives may impact the work of the U.S. Coast Guard, particularly the Office of Boating Safety.

RECREATIONAL FISHING

Modernizing recreational fishing saltwater policy and recruiting the next generation of anglers

46 million licensed anglers take to U.S. waters each year, generating \$45 billion in retail sales and a \$125 billion impact on the nation's economy. What can the industry and government do to support this critical sector? In this session, learn about efforts to attract and retain the next generation of anglers and sustain this economic driver for decades to come. Also learn about how recreational saltwater anglers, specifically, can play a critical role in federal policy decisions this year. Hear from angling experts on the latest legislative initiatives and how boating partners can help sustain our intertwined boating and angling consumers and economies.

WORKFORCE & COMPLIANCE TRACK

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Attracting and retaining talent and the role of government in supporting company growth

The recreational boating industry is facing a shortage of qualified and dedicated individuals to design, build and manufacturer products and repair and replace technical and component parts. At a time when many Americans are seeking employment, what can the marine industry do to better attract and retain talent? Does the federal government have a role to play? What opportunities for vocational, technical and apprenticeship programs could benefit the marine industry?

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FUEL POLICY

The future of ethanol and reforming the Renewable Fuel Standard

Will 2017 be the year Congress finally fixes the broken RFS? Learn about the prospects of ethanol reform and why it's more important than ever for the boating industry to be vocal in calling for reform. Over 400 million MORE gallons of ethanol will enter our fuel supply this year, putting consumers at risk and lowering the overall availability of ethanol free and E10 fuel options. Leaders of the House Energy and Commerce committee have signaled a desire to make RFS reform a priority and pro-boating ethanol champions have introduced legislation to fix the RFS and ensure boaters have a safe and reliable fuel option at the pump.

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & SAFETY COMPLIANCE

National and international marine manufacturing regulations

National and international manufacturing regulations have a direct impact on your company and the cost of doing business. In 2017 boat manufacturers need to be up to speed on the regulations and requirements coming in the United States for floatation and structural foam, residual risk review and, in California, for evaporative emissions. In the European Union (EU) the biocide directive caused a flurry of activity as boat builders who sell into the EU have to reevaluate the biocide additives being used in a wide range of products and materials.

Attend this session to receive the latest updates from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Air Resources Board (CARB), and learn about regulatory issues from countries around the world.

Special Sessions

INSIDE THE BELTWAY

Republican and Democrat Insights

Changes at the White House and the new 115th Congress provide the boating industry a unique opportunity to educate decision-makers on the boating industry's top priorities. How will recreational and boating interests be viewed in the new Congress and under the Trump Administration?

The "Inside the Beltway" panel will provide perspectives from both Republican and Democrat strategists on the current political climate, an outlook for 2017, and how the upcoming midterm elections could impact policy decisions on Capitol Hill. This political perspective will illustrate to attendees why this year's Hill meetings are so critical and how to maximize your advocacy efforts while at ABC.

GENERAL SESSION

ABC's General Session takes place on Wednesday, May 17, and is packed with dynamic, influential and informative speakers. Confirmed speakers include Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26th), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13th), Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL-21st), Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3rd), Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6th), Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ-3rd), Paul Rauch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration and Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, United States Coast Guard.

Events

WELCOME RECEPTION

Join your industry peers on Monday evening from 6:00pm–8:00pm to kick off the 2017 American Boating Congress! The Welcome Reception takes place across the street from ABC's host hotel, the Renaissance, at the historic Carnegie Library. This is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with your peers, enjoy some refreshments, and take in some D.C. history.

LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Join us at a special ABC luncheon with keynote speaker Jake Tapper on Tuesday, May 16! Tapper is the hugely-influential and award-winning journalist and author, and Chief CNN Washington Correspondent and Anchor. Tapper has been recognized for being a fair and balanced commentator and critic whose unbiased reporting makes him an "equal opportunity skeptic—confronting Democratic politicians just as toughly as he would Republican ones." Likeable, consistent, and up-to-the-minute, Tapper's no-spin commentary will make you think while keeping you entertained.

RECREATIONAL ANGLING & BOATING RECEPTION

Join us on Tuesday, May 16th from 6:00pm–8:00pm at the 20 F Street NW, an iconic rooftop overlooking the Capitol. The PAC reception provides an opportunity to gather with colleagues in the industry as well as meet Members of Congress and their staff to educate them on the top issues affecting the recreational boating community. **For information on how to attend, please contact Erica Crocker at ecrocker@nmma.org.**

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL AND NATIONAL MARINE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

Finish up your Hill meetings on Wednesday afternoon, and join us to close three productive days on Capitol Hill from 5:00pm–7:00pm for the Congressional Reception at the Rayburn House Office Building, B338/339. The reception will celebrate National Safe Boating Week, the North American Safe Boating Campaign, and the 2017 Confluence Award recipients.



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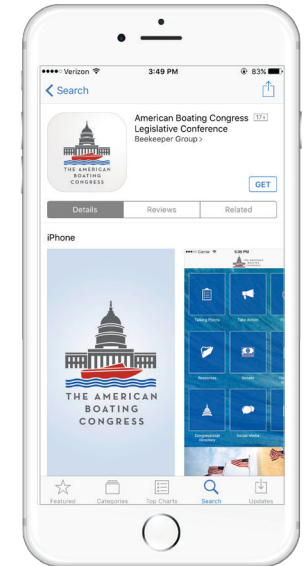
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- Google Map of the Capitol
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