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BOATER BRIEF

Harter Award

The Northern California boating community has established the “Glenn Harter Award.” It will be known as the “RBOC Gale Force Wind Award” and will be given annually to the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) club whose members have made the largest monetary contribution to RBOC on a per member basis for the current year in accordance with the PICYA “Club of the Year” timeframe. This award is established by the Harter family in memory of Glenn A. Harter. Glenn was an active, respected and effective member of the RBOC Board of Directors for many years and served as RBOC President in 1991.

Cal Boating Budget

The Governor’s recently-released State budget proposes \$12.5 billion in spending reductions, \$12 billion in revenue extensions/modifications, \$1.9 billion in other solutions to close the gap, and provides for a \$1 billion surplus. At present, Cal Boating is budgeted to receive \$68 million.

However, a proposed list of reorganizations and consolidations will be issued shortly. The Governor states this list will include entities within the Natural Resources Agency. RBOC is on the alert for any issue that would negatively impact

Cal Boating and will immediately bring such instances to boaters’ attention. RBOC will ask for your support (calls, letters and emails) when needed.

John Laird Appointed Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency

Governor Brown has appointed John Laird as Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. This agency oversees and is involved with numerous departments, boards, commissions, conservancies, and councils which affect recreational boating. Several of the more important include: Cal Boating, Fish and Game, Parks & Recreation, State Water Board, and the California Coastal Commission.

Secretary Laird possesses outstanding qualifications for this position. RBOC worked well with Mr. Laird during his tenure in the Assembly and is looking forward to working with him in his new position.

Boating No Longer “Most Wanted”

The National Transportation Safety Board has removed **boating** from its “Most Wanted” list for the first time in 16 years. Boating was added in 1994. The Agency said that substantial progress has been made in boating safety.

BoatU. S.

RBOC encourages California boaters to join and support Boat U. S. (Boat Owners Association of the United States). For four decades, Boat U. S. has focused exclusively on providing the highest quality boating services, significant savings and a strong voice fighting to protect boaters from unfair taxes and burdensome regulations that take the fun out of boating. BoatU.S. has 15 Vessel Assist ports in California ready to aid boaters and a network of over 70 marinas and boating businesses where Members can save money on fuel, transient slips, and repairs. To learn more visit: www.BoatUS.com/Membership.

Supporters of RBOC can join BoatU.S. for \$15, a 50% discount by mentioning **GARBOCAY** as their BoatU.S., Cooperating Group Code.

Support RBOC

RBOC represents all California boaters and operates solely on donations from boaters like YOU! We need your help. All boaters are encouraged to donate \$20 per boating family each year, but all donations are needed and appreciated. Please send your contributions to: RBOC, 925 L St. – Ste. 220, Sacramento, CA 95814-3703 OR donations may be made on-line at www.rbo.org using Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Discover, or PayPal. Donations are not tax deductible due to RBOC’s extensive lobbying efforts.