



*"Your voice for the boating community"*

\*Summer 2013 - A series of legislation is proposed that unfairly targets the Illinois Boaters

\*August 25 2013 - A group of boaters gather to discuss how to stand up against the recent unfairly-proposed legislation. Boaters are Voters is born



\*August 29 2013 - Boaters pack a State Senate hearing in protest to the proposed State Senate Bills SB1477, SB1478, & SB1805

\*September 2013 - Illinois Boaters Association, Inc is formed

\*November 2013 - State Senator Pam Althoff & State Representative Barb Wheeler reach out to the Illinois Boaters Association founders and follow up with a Town Hall meeting to address the public and concerned boaters. A "Watercraft Safety Legislative Report" was also shared



\*January 14, 2014 - The Illinois Boaters Association Board of Directors adopts bylaws.

\*January 2014 - Board collectively declares that ilBoat's core missions are "Education, Advocacy and Celebration"

\*February 2014 - Bill proposed to dissolve Fox Waterway Agency. Boaters stand together against unfair legislation that would cripple the Northern Illinois Boating Community. Boaters submit thousands of witness slips in protest to the bill being scheduled for hearing multiple times



\*March 2014 - Illinois Boaters Association staffs a booth at the Northern Illinois Boat show to promote awareness

\*April 2014 - With the help of ilBoat members, State Representative Wheeler proposes a House Bill, HB4303, which would require boat renters to watch a boat safety video prior to renting a boat



\*August 2014 - Illinois Boaters Association begins drafting a "Boater's Bill of Rights"

