

European Boating Association (EBA)

What is the EBA?

- The voice of European recreational boating
- Serving the interests of pleasure boaters in Europe since 1982
- A not for profit association of national associations
- Representing
 - 1.5 million association members; and
 - over 20 million active recreational boaters across Europe

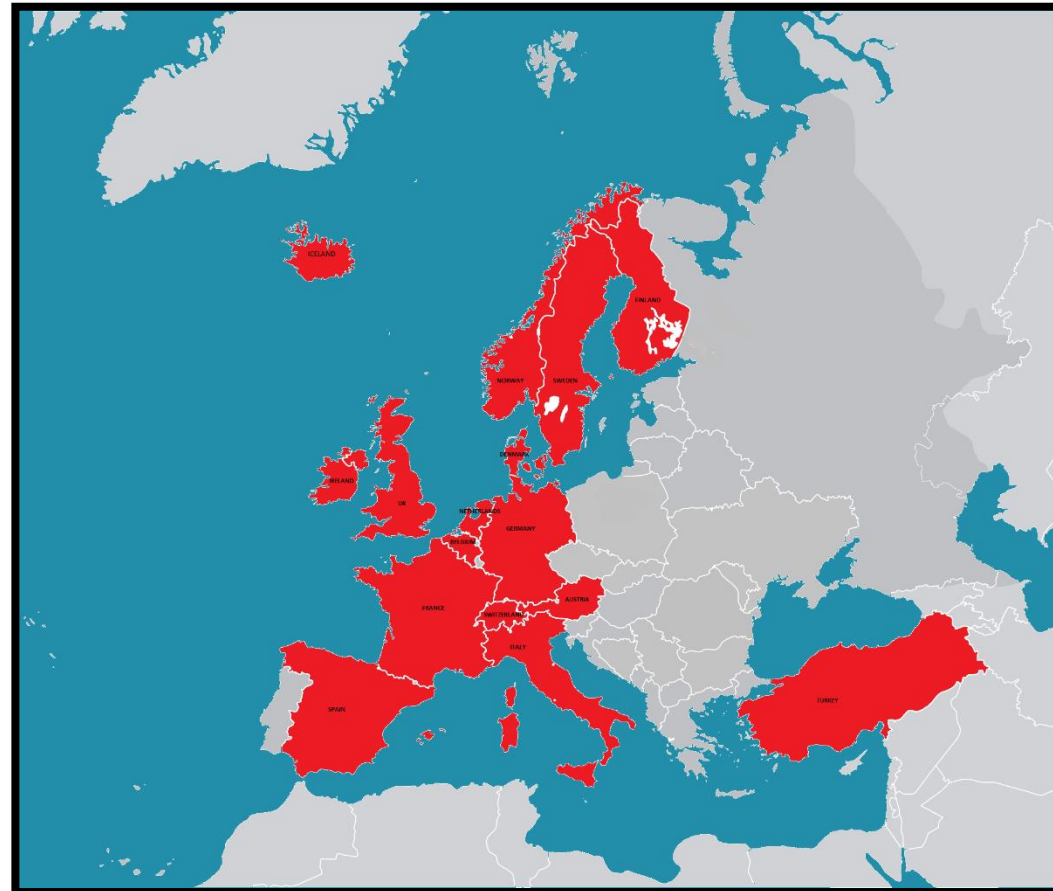
What does the EBA do?

- Promotes recreational boating in Europe
- Represents agreed common interests of national recreational boating associations at international organisations
- Encourages the safe, unhampered and environmentally sustainable use of recreational boats in Europe

Structure of the EBA

- Unincorporated Association established in the United Kingdom under English Law
- Members: 24 Associations in 16 countries
- Maximum of 3 member organisations per country
- Official / working language : English
- Annual membership fee and voting weight per association based on number of members represented

EBA Members



Typical profile of EBA members

- National organisations involved with:
 - All elements of watersport
 - Regatta sport including top sport
 - Recreational boating
 - Education & training
 - National representation
 - Support of yacht clubs

EBA Governance

- EBA Members are organisations not individuals
- Member representatives meet at the General Assembly twice a year
- Executive Committee (board) consists of the President, 3 Vice Presidents, the Treasurer and the General Secretary.
- President and Vice Presidents are elected for a 4 year period and can serve 2 terms.
- EBA Secretariat fulfilled by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA)

Cooperation within EBA

- Executive Committee prepares agenda for General Assembly meetings and has authority to act on behalf of EBA when required
- Key decisions made by General Assembly
- Members direct EBA's work through General Assembly
- Position papers agreed to formalise EBA opinion on important issues
- Focus groups and working groups look at special issues
- Intersessional exchange of information

Representation

EBA is represented international organisations:

- UNECE – United Nations Economic Council for Europe
- ISO – International Standards Organization
- European Commission - Maritime, Environmental, Sports, Tourism Strategy, RCD / RSG / ADCO.
- Marine Conservation Organisations (OSPAR, HELCOM and BERN Convention)
- CCNR – Central Commission for the Rhine
- CESNI – Standards for Navigation on Inland Waterways

EBA Position Statements

- AIS Virtual Aids to Navigation
- Alternatives to Flares
- Aquaculture
- Autonomous Shipping
- Boat Registration
- Coastal and Maritime Tourism
- Cruising Boat Tourism on Inland Waterways
- End of Life Boats
- Hull Fouling

EBA Position Statements (continued)

- ICC (International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft)
- Marine Litter
- Personal Flotation Devices
- Licensing of Portable Radio Devices
- Port Reception Facilities for Waste from Ships
- Skipper Licensing
- Transfer of Inland Waterways from State to Private Ownership or Operation
- Wind Farms
- Bern Convention Code of Conduct on Recreational Boating and Invasive Alien Species prepared by the EBA

What is the EBA working on at the moment?

- Understanding and influencing regulations
- Participation moving from boat ownership to boat users
- ISO Standards – Yacht Harbours and Bareboat Charter
- Antifouling, Biocides and Invasive Aquatic Species
- Marine Protected Areas
- Marine Litter
- Waste water and sewage
- Recreational Craft Directive
- Technical Requirements for Inland Waterways Vessels

EU Nautical Tourism Study

- Boat recycling
- Professional and private skipper licences
- Boat safety equipment standards
- Satellite applications
- Boating and marina development
- Marinas as hubs for regional development
- Combined nautical and tourism products

EBA Finances

- Working currency Euros
- Membership Fees:
 - Standard Subscription Rate €540
 - Proportional Subscription Rate €1.90 / 100 members
- Annual turn over is around 40,000 € of which an average of 29,000 € is paid to RYA for Secretariat support (exchange rate dependent)
- General Assembly controls finance with 2 appointed auditors.
- Bank and Treasurer are Danish.

Communication

- EBA Business is full digitalised
 - Electronic internal communication General Assembly agenda and minutes include hyperlinks to papers and reference documents.
 - EBA website includes password protected document archive
- Result
 - Work is responsive and paper free
 - Authorised delegates have timely access to EBA documents
 - Confidentiality must be observed
- However video conferencing is not used due to the importance of personal contact

THE EBA IS driven by personal contact

