

ABYA's Primary Goals

Promote recreational boating safety with the goal of reducing accidents, bodily injuries and property damage

Promote clean recreational boating practices with our partner the Clinton River Watershed Council, with the aim of improving and protecting water quality

Support and donate money to:

The St. Clair Sheriff – Marine Division

The Macomb County Sheriff – Marine

The Wayne County Sheriff – Marine

- to purchase urgent supplies not funded by their budgets, while providing printed materials for distribution to help educate the boating public on marine safety statutes, local watercraft controls, administrative laws, and clean boating practices.

The Noble Odyssey Foundation (The Great Lakes Division of the Sea Cadet Program)

- to provide maritime and underwater exploration training for scientific research projects throughout the Great Lakes system.

Save Our South Channel Lights

- raise public awareness and support for the preservation and restoration of the historic South Channel Lights on Lake St. Clair built in 1859.

Conduct and implement future projects or programs as determined by the Anchor Bay Yachting Association Board to be in the best interest of promoting safe and clean boating.

ABYA Delegate Duties and Responsibilities

Attend ABYA General Membership meetings in uniform

Attend ABYA functions and encourage current Bridge officers and club members to attend as well

Participate in all ABYA fundraisers and encourage your club to do the same

Include in your newsletter ABYA news, events, donations made, etc.

Bring questions or concerns your club may have regarding ABYA to any ABYA Officer

Monthly Meetings

- At every General Membership Meeting the Delegate of all clubs in attendance will be given the opportunity to address the delegates on his/her club's upcoming events
- It is recommended that you share or present your club events a minimum of a month in advance. Newsletters from ABYA and member clubs may not be released for a few weeks after our monthly meeting
- The role of our delegates is paramount to ABYA's continued success
- Delegates are our most important connection to our clubs
- The information we provide at our meetings can only get back to the clubs through the efforts from our delegates
- Without the delegates participation on a regular basis our programs, events & goals are significantly compromised

ABYA's recent Success Summary

- Work with the Michigan Boating Industries Association who is our voice in Lansing and Washington DC
    - Defending funding for public boating access sites and infrastructure across Michigan.
    - MBIA advocates against threats including the spread of Asian Carp and other aquatic invasive species
    - MBIA supports responsible environmental stewardship while protecting industry interests
- Assisted in getting the mouth of the Clinton River dredged
- Assisted in getting the lights installed on the North Channel Buoys
- Provided radios for the Wayne County Marine Division
- Provided cleaning tools for the Clinton River Water Shed Council
- Printed and distributed "No Wake Charts" to Marine Divisions for distribution
- Working to bring back the "Safety Book" as requested by all the Marine Divisions and the Boating Community.
- Establishing a connection with Save Lake St Clair to promote cleaning the waterways and also Candice Miller to improve Stormwater Management.