



▶ MRAA Supports Relaxed OSHA Regulations and Industry Classification Change

Legislative Objective — The Marine Retailers Association of the Americas (MRAA) asks Congress and the federal government to relax its enforcement of certain Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations of recreational marinas when the marina is already attempting to comply with the rules and has fewer than 20 employees. Also, MRAA supports changing the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) and North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes from the current designations intended for large commercial shipbuilding facilities to ones that are more appropriate for smaller, family-run businesses.

Legislative Background — MRAA understands OSHA, which is responsible for enforcing safety standards on regulated entities (especially in hazardous industries), has been enforcing safety regulations on small, family-owned recreational marinas that were originally designed to protect workers at large shipbuilding yards and applying the same level of fines for non-compliance. The issue is further complicated by OSHA levying these fines when the small recreational marina is attempting to comply.

In addition, the government has assigned family-owned recreational marinas the same SIC and/or NAICS codes as commercial shipbuilding yards, which have vastly different safety issues for workers. MRAA believes recreational marinas must not be classified with the same SIC/NAICS codes as commercial and industrial shipyards.

OSHA's goals to improve worker safety are noteworthy; however, recreational marinas are generally small businesses with no more than 10 to 15 employees on average. One consideration would be to exempt marinas with fewer than 20 employees from compliance with OSHA regulations.

Action Needed — MRAA seeks Congressional assistance to remedy this problem by asking OSHA to relax its enforcement of safety regulations for recreational marinas in instances where attempts are clearly underway to comply with the rules, and to move recreational marinas to a different SIC/NAICS code than commercial and industrial shipyards. Another possibility would be to exempt marinas with fewer than 20 employees from OSHA regulations altogether.



ASK CONGRESS...

To ask OSHA to relax its enforcement of safety regulations for recreational marinas.

▶ Key Facts

- ▶ OSHA regulates small family-run marinas the same as large shipbuilding yards.
- ▶ Fines are levied by OSHA even when businesses are working to comply.
- ▶ Family-owned marinas are assigned the same SIC and/or NAICS codes as shipbuilding yards.

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