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Boating Writers International Inc. Membership Application

Boating Writers International, Inc., is a non-profit professional organization made up of writers, broadcasters, editors, photographers, public relations specialists and other communications professionals associated with the boating industry.

Membership in Boating Writers International is from January 1 through December 31. Renewal applications are mailed to the general membership each fall. Information is taken from this application to produce the annual BWI Membership Directory. The application cannot be processed without the appropriate check for dues. All funds are to be paid in U.S. dollars.

There are two classifications for voting membership in Boating Writers International – “active” and “associate.”

ACTIVE: Active status is assigned to any person who is engaged in writing, editing, broadcasting, telecasting, photography, art or lecturing, or who is employed full-time by a non-profit organization or agency and engaged in communication, conservation or promoting the recreational aspects of boating. Active members agree to assume all responsibilities of membership and will be entitled to all privileges of active membership.

ASSOCIATE: Associate membership is available to any person who does not meet the requirements for active membership but who works in boating in public relations, advertising or public information to promote specific products or services, who is paid to promote the use or sale of those products and students of journalism who share an interest in the marine and/or associated fields. Associate members agree to assume all responsibilities of membership and will be entitled to full voting privileges and may be elected to the board of directors, may be appointed to a committee and may act as committee chairperson, but may not be nominated for, or hold higher office.

Please Type or Print and check all boxes that apply:

NEW MEMBER **RENEW MEMBERSHIP** **ACTIVE** **ASSOCIATE**

Name _____ Title _____

Co. _____ Publication (if staff) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Mail Code _____

Ph. (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____

E-mail address _____

I am engaged in marine communication as:

- Newspaper Staff Magazine Staff Radio Staff Television Staff
- Freelance Writer Author Student Public Relations Counselor

Specifically I am: (check all that apply):

- Artist Broadcaster Manager Publisher Boating Writer
- Editor Photographer Filmmaker Book Author Lecturer
- Producer/Director PR Firm Other _____

I have read the requirements for voting membership and apply to be accepted as an:

- ACTIVE (\$35 US – ANNUAL DUES)** **ASSOCIATE (\$40 US – ANNUAL DUES)**

If accepted as a member, I agree to abide by the established standards of professionalism set forth by BWI. I attest the information on this application is true.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

SPONSORED BY (New Members) _____

**Mail check and completed application to
Boating Writers International, Inc.
108 Ninth St., Wilmette, IL 60091**

Payment is required with application
Questions? Call 847-736-4142
See below for more requested info

BWI Member Roster Information

Please complete this form and return it with this membership application to update the information included in the BWI annual Membership Directory.

NAME _____

SPECIALTY (Limit specialty to three or four areas – for example, Powerboat Tests, Powerboat Racing, General Sailing, Fishing, PWC, etc.)

CREDITS -- OR your specific magazine masthead title/name of magazine. (Limit credits to those publications to which you have sold work in the last two years, but you can list any book title, videos, radio shows, TV shows, etc.)

Boating Writers International Inc.

was established:

1. To provide a professional and fraternal association for writers, photographers, artists, broadcasters and others involved in dispensing information to the public on the realm of boating and allied subjects.
2. To foster and promote the expansion of interest in recreational and competitive boating, together with all water sports activities to the public at large. To inform the membership – and thereby the general public – of vital issues that may not have been covered elsewhere.
3. To keep the membership informed of changes in the craft, changes in publication personnel, opportunities for advancement in their careers and of important events, dates and contacts for coverage in both power and sail, and in the advancement of the technology of the sport.
4. To support safety at sea, safety aboard boats and encourage safe and considerate boating.
5. To seek such organizational benefits as may become available such as car rental discounts, computer and software discounts medical and other insurance that members may want or need.
6. To publish a newsletter for the members on an as frequently as needed basis.
7. To provide a forum for members to express their opinion and inform their peers – or to share an interesting story.

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