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RBOC Installs 2010 Officers, Anticipates a Busy Lobbying Year

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Sacramento [January 22] - Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] at its January 20 meeting at California Yacht Club installed the officers who will lead the nonprofit boater advocacy organization through a new year that already has the lobbying group engaged on a number of fronts.

The 2010 RBOC Officers are: President Anne Sacks of Venice, Vice President-North Linda Bendsen of Suisun, Vice President-South Cleve Hardaker of San Diego, Treasurer Bob White of Palos Verdes Estates, and Past President Dave Breninger of Roseville. A picture of the 2010 Board is attached.

RBOC anticipates a busy year on a number of key issues that confront the state's 3 million recreational boating enthusiasts. Stated President Anne Sacks: "We devoted our annual business meeting to planning advocacy efforts to address several serious challenges.

"These include the state water board's proposed marina and club permit that would impose costs totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars on facilities, together with a number of onerous new mandates. We also are working together with the national advocacy organization BoatU.S. to address the disastrous consequences from boaters having to use fuel that includes ethanol.

"RBOC is working with boaters in a number of regions to combat proposals to unfairly restrict boating access - such as the proposed no-fishing zones being developed along the southern coast as part of the Marine Life Protection Act, the two proposed bridges across an important waterway in San Rafael, and the recently stalled project to place gates across two popular waterways in the southern part of the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta.

"We will certainly maintain our vigilance this year to ensure that the Governor's proposal to eliminate the independent Cal Boating is not adopted."

The 19-member voluntary RBOC Board will meet in Sacramento on April 13 and 14 for its annual lobbying day in the State Capitol.

RBOC is a nonprofit boater advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 42st year as a statewide organization promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways. Visit www.rbo.org for more information about RBOC and these issues.