

GAC 1/11/24 – Meeting Summary. No Action required.



Jay Jennings      Lori Eastes      Lindsey LaPrath      Monique Webber      Roman Daniels-Brown  
NMTA                      Worth Ave Yachts                      Pacific Yacht Management      NMTA

Sixteen Participants including Board Member, Clint Kirry

Roman introduced Senator Drew MacEwen from the 35<sup>th</sup> legislative District including Mason and Thurston counties, in part.

Senator MacEwen is running for Congress in the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Kilmer (as are others including Commissioner Franz)

Senator MacEwen

- expressed concern over the impact that the Climate Commitment Act has on us and supports the initiative to repeal
- is eager to find a way to expose our highschoolers and youth to maritime trades through increased apprenticeships and work force training. Jay highlighted our support for CorePlus Maritime and urged MacEwen to support
- MacEwen conveyed awareness and clear recognition of our concerns over federal nearshore development and maintenance restrictions causing a crisis at

the shoreline. He welcomed our partnership if his congressional campaign is successful.

- MacEwen also expressed sympathy to our members who have been victims and challenged by property crimes and other illegal activities at their marinas. He is optimistic that the tough-on-crime initiative facing the legislature will pass on the ballot in November.
- Clint Kirry urged Senator MacEwen and the legislature to broaden the opportunity for on-the-job training by easing some prohibitions around what 17 year olds can be involved with at the manufacturing facility, such as running a power drill.

Jay and Roman provided updates on legislative activities and concerns as over 800 pieces of legislation has been introduced in addition to all of the 2023 bills which remain alive in 2024.

- Yesterday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – just the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of legislative session and first meeting of House Transportation - we had a good hearing on 1/10/24 in House Transportation on an NMTA/SYNW House Bill 1906 to expand eligibility for a non-resident cruising permit from 200 ft LOA to 300 ft LOA. Members Monique Webber, representatives from Worth Avenue Yachts, the Port of Port Angeles and many others conveyed their support to the committee both in person, virtually and through written submission. Roman and Jay will continue to advocate strongly to see the bill move forward before the January 31st deadline.
- Our bill, HB 1919, to shorten the time a marina must wait (from 90 to 45 days) and eliminate obsolete notice requirements (in the “classified” section of printed newspaper) has been scheduled for public hearing January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Roman and Jay stressed the value of getting these bills moving early in this short session.

Jay reminded folks and urged them to join us in Olympia on January 25<sup>th</sup> for NMTA/RBAW’s annual Boating Legislative Day.

Jay reminded members that his inbox is open 24/7 and is eager hear of concerns or suggestions.

Chairman Neil Falkenburg ask for and received updates on:

- The San Juan Destination management plan, which Jay and Trevor from RBAW agreed has been defused, at least for the foreseeable future.
- The SDOT proposal to remove 2 lanes of general-purpose traffic lanes on Westlake Blvd. Jay reported on the aggressive activity currently underway to press SDOT for modification to their plan, including signage along the roadway, letter writing, and a potential media event to highlight the deep concern.

The meeting then adjourned.