



Meet the 2025 NMTA Board of Trustees Candidates

Scott Anderson - CSR Marine

I have been honored to serve on the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) Board the past twelve years, as well as previously the chair of the NMTA Boatyard Committee. I have also served as a board member for the Footloose Sailing Foundation and a member of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society. I have been involved with recreational boating in the Pacific Northwest for over 40 years. My partner and I started our yacht repair business, CSR Marine, over 30 years ago and now operate two locations with over 40 employees. CSR Marine has been a leader in high tech laminate repair, linear polyurethane paint application, electronics and other yacht systems using the latest techniques available.



In light of current events it is also significant that CSR Marine has been involved in extensive research into environmental issues such as stormwater quality and treatment, and the pursuit of ecologically friendly anti-fouling solutions for the recreational boater.

Over the years I have met and worked with a large segment of the recreational marine group from brokers to end users as well as other repair professionals. I have developed an understanding of the issues and the concerns of this group. As a board member, I will be able to assist NMTA to make appropriate decisions to enhance and grow the marine industry here in Washington.

Kelby Brown - Fournier Insurance

I am a Commercial Insurance Broker with Fournier Insurance, specializing in maritime risks and commercial coverage for the marine industry. With over 18 years of professional experience—and a lifetime spent immersed in the Puget Sound boating community—I bring both deep industry insight and a strong commitment to the growth and sustainability of our maritime economy.

My roots in the Northwest marine industry run deep. I grew up sailing at Seattle Yacht Club's summer program, tagging along with my dad, Jim (owner of MonkeyFist Marine), and working at Elliott Bay Marina and the Port of Edmonds. After earning my degree from the University of Washington, I transitioned from moorage management into the insurance sector, where I've focused my career helping marine businesses and boat owners manage risk and protect their operations.

I am a Certified Marina Manager and a longtime NMTA supporter—I've been attending the Seattle Boat Show since 1998. I understand how vital the marine trades are to Washington's economy and culture. Through my work, I regularly collaborate with marina operators, boatyards, service providers, and vessel owners. These connections give me a broad and realistic perspective on the day-to-day challenges and long-term opportunities facing our industry.

I am running for the NMTA Board of Directors to advocate for the people and businesses that power our marine sector. I want to ensure we continue to create opportunities for growth, innovation, and workforce development, while keeping the Northwest's boating culture vibrant and accessible. With a unique lens on the financial and operational aspects of our industry, I am excited to contribute my voice, experience, and passion to NMTA's leadership.



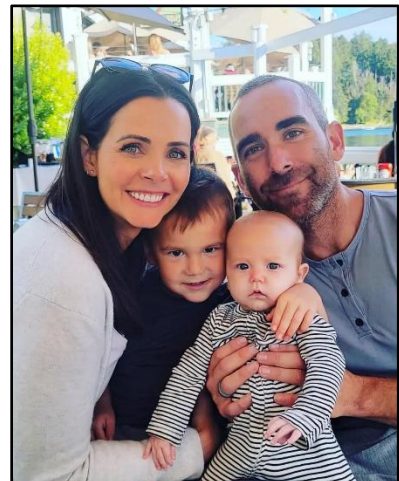
Nick Buck-Niehaus - Sundance Yacht Sales

I'm Nick Buck-Niehaus, a third-generation co-owner and president of Sundance Yacht Sales & Marinas. My family and I operate four marinas in Portland and boat dealerships in Seattle, Portland, and Blaine, representing six premier boat brands. For 16 years, I've worked hands-on at Sundance in roles ranging from prepping boats for bottom paint to marketing, yacht design, sales, and anything needed to keep from running aground.

Boating in the San Juan Islands and Columbia River shaped my childhood. I cherish memories of waking up on a boat at Roche Harbor and enjoying breakfast and donuts at the Lime Kiln Cafe. I can still taste the Columbia River from countless high speed face-plants off jetskis (before I knew better).

Twelve years ago, my dad and I designed and built a 49' fiberglass "Crossover Yacht" houseboat in our Portland shop. Back then, skilled technicians were easier to find. Today, it's a challenge, and if elected, I'll focus on engaging future generations in the marine trades through training programs and outreach.

Beyond the water, I'm an avid outdoor enthusiast, passionate about hiking, mountaineering, motorcycling, and flying.



My deep connection to the Pacific Northwest and the outdoors drives my commitment to our boating community. Having collaborated with NMTA as a boat show exhibitor for years, I'm ready to represent members and keep our waters accessible for families like mine.

While at school in Eugene, I met my wife, Katie, 19 years ago. Married for 13 years, we live in Washington with our two kids, ages three and six, and love sharing the boating lifestyle with the little ones. If elected, I'll work to promote and protect the PNW boating culture that means so much to me and make sure future generations are engaged.

Brian Buggenhagen - Thunder Jet Boats

With over 30 years' experience in fishing and boating, my love for the water has been front and center of my personal and professional life. I grew up in Colorado and later moved to Oregon in where I graduated from Oregon State University. I was in the fly-fishing industry as an outfitter and guide running the rivers and lakes of Oregon with a drift boat. I got my first jet boat in 1998 and have not turned back since. I have owned numerous power boats fishing the waters all around the Pacific Northwest. Boating is the primary activity for my family and I, we cannot get enough!



I was recruited in early 2024 to come to work with the Brunswick Boat Group as General Manager of Thunder Jet Boats in Clarkston, WA. I bring decades of experience in the industry from previous roles in boat manufacturing and sales. I understand the challenges facing manufacturers along with perspective from working at a boat dealer in the Portland, OR. Prior to coming to work for Brunswick, I was working in the Civil Engineering industry developing roadway and airport infrastructure. This gave me the insight and experience with various state and federal agencies, along with sitting on national committees working to collaborate on best industry practices and changing federal regulations.

I am very interested to join the NMTA board to bring my experience and represent part of the aluminum boat industry in the Northwest. I see this as a critical time to continue to grow boating across all segments, along with confronting the challenges of encroaching regulations that may create barriers to those wanting to join our beloved endeavor. I would like to represent Thunder Jet Boats actively and collaboratively with other regional members to create a thriving and sustainable industry for all involved.

Bryce Hansen - Basta Boatlifts

Hi Friends! I am Bryce Hansen, Owner/President of Basta Boatlifts. After almost 6 years of membership with the NMTA, I have met a good portion of you and those who I have not, I look forward to it soon.

Being born and raised on Whidbey Island inherently means you have ties to the water. I am no exception. From a young age I was a water bug- swimming, fishing, tubing, skiing/boarding, and sailing with my family. Many of my friends were and are commercial fisherman. At age 12 I spent a year aboard our family sailboat cruising Mexico and the south Pacific. I have raced Santa Cruz 27s and when the kids/business allow me time, I still love to wakeboard, waterski and be on the water. Most summers we still go to Desolation Sound as a family, and I will be shrimping for the first time in the upcoming season.

After graduating from Washington State University, Go Cougs!, I spent several years in public accounting working for Clark Nuber, the NMTA's auditor. After that I was a controller for a large regional electrical contractor then for a highly regarded outdoor apparel company. For several years prior to buying Basta, I was an M&A advisor. I helped retiring small business owners value and sell their business.

I currently own and operate Basta Boatlifts. We are a 40-year-old Pacific Northwest manufacturing company that designs, manufactures, and sells premium boat lifts. At Basta we sweat the details to make the best product money can buy. We do what is right for our dealers, the consumer, and our employees. I love my job. It allows me to touch all parts of the company and gives me a perspective that few get. On daily basis, I am involved with Accounting, HR, Sales, Marketing, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Service department...and I am the IT department! I enjoy the variety of experiences and, though being a small business owner can be hard, it's worth it.



My volunteering experience is diverse. For the last 6 years I have volunteered for the NMTA. I joined the Grow Boating Committee as I am passionate about getting people on the water. Shortly after the Board asked me to join the Boat Show Committee. I am now in my second term on the Boat Show Committee and the current Committee Chair. While working as a CPA, I was a board member then the Board President for the Bellevue Chapter of the WSCPA. For almost 7 years I was Board Treasurer for the Queen Anne High School Condo board, leading us through a massive construction defect lawsuit and subsequent facility wide renovation of the Historic building. Following that I was a Director and Treasurer for the Richmond Beach Community Association.

I would like to join the NMTA Board of Trustees because I believe in the mission and enjoy giving back to the community. After participating in NMTA committees for the last 6 years, I feel that I have learned a lot about the organization, contributed what I can to those committees and now I feel my experience as a member, business owner and experienced board director could be helpful to the NMTA. I enjoy working with the NMTA staff and believe in them. I think I can provide a good "accessories" perspective when it come to the boat show, be an advocate for our lobbying efforts in Olympia and can contribute to financial oversight given my background.

If you feel I have the experience and would be an asset to the NMTA Board of Trustees, then I would be grateful for your vote.