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| <b>Event name</b>   | Jay Jennings (NMTA)'s Personal Meeting Room   |
| <b>Time</b>         | Jun 12, 2025, 10:28 AM - 11:07 AM (PDT)   |
| <b>Participants</b> | <div><p> Participants (20)</p><p>Find a participant</p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Wyatt Asbury (NMTA) (Co-host, me)</li><li> Jay Jennings (NMTA) (Host)</li><li> Roman Daniels-Brown</li><li> GH George Harris (NMTA)</li><li> Chris Loomis</li><li> DW Dan Wood</li><li> D DBIBBY</li><li> H hobylene@msn.com</li><li> Ian Wilkinson</li><li> JC James Cockburn - WPPA</li><li> James Weaver</li><li> Jay Balasbas</li><li> MM Martin Marchant Port of Port Angeles</li><li> NW Neil West Bay Marina</li><li> R Ross</li><li> Sam Bisset</li><li> SL Sam LeClercq</li><li> T Tarin</li><li> TQ TJ Quandt</li><li> TJ Trevor Justin</li></ul></div> |

## Quick recap

The meeting began with discussions about the Seattle Mariners' season and NMTA's upcoming system changes, followed by updates on legislative tours and an upcoming annual meeting where Julia Reed will be honored. The group reviewed the American Boating Congress event

and recent congressional meetings, highlighting productive discussions about policy issues and near-shore development challenges. Membership updates were shared, including current numbers and potential new members, along with plans for future meetings and discussions about expert speakers.

## Next steps

- Dan to invite Sun Country representatives to the upcoming NMTA annual meeting.
- Jay to reach out to potential guest speakers for future meetings.
- NMTA members to promote attendance at the annual meeting on June 18th at Queen City Yacht Club.
- NMTA members to assist with membership renewals by nudging contacts or referring potential new members.
- Jay and Roman to provide campaign contributions to both Senator Krishnadasan and Representative Caldier in the 26th district special election.
- NMTA members to mark their calendars for the PAC fundraising golf tournament on September 22nd at Harbor Point.
- Jay to continue efforts with DC allies to address near-shore development challenges and regulatory issues.

## Summaries

### *Mariners' Struggles and NMTA Updates*

The group discussed the Seattle Mariners' season and their recent struggles with injuries and high expectations. Jay mentioned that NMTA would be moving to a new system soon, and shared insights from a conference where AI was heavily used, though not always effectively. The meeting included several attendees joining, including Dan Woods and Marty, who briefly caught up with each other.

### *Maritime Caucus Legislative Tour Planning*

The group discussed plans for a legislative tour with the maritime caucus, tentatively scheduled for late summer or early fall. Jay mentioned that Northland had volunteered to host a tour for the maritime caucus in Tacoma on July 17th, which will include a day and a half split between Port of Port Townsend and Port of Port Angeles. Jay encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming annual meeting at the Twin City or Queen City yacht club, where Julia Reed will be awarded Legislator of the Year. Jay offered to comp the meeting fee for those who didn't want to pay.

### *American Boating Congress Overview*

Tarin provided an overview of the American Boating Congress, hosted annually by the National Marine Manufacturers Association in Washington, DC. The event includes a reception with a keynote speaker, legislative briefings, and meetings with Congresspeople and Senators. This year's program focused more on specific policy issues and included a panel on marina advancements, emphasizing the importance of maintaining individual marina culture during corporate ownership. Tarin noted that state-specific sessions were included for the first time, allowing for discussions on policies being considered across the nation.

### *Congressional Support for Waterway Issues*

Tarin reported on recent meetings with congressional staff in Washington and Oregon, highlighting productive discussions about wake surf boat setbacks and the mitigation calculator, with several staff members expressing interest in learning more about these issues. Jay mentioned attending the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Meeting and meeting with the new Congressman Michael Baumgartner from Washington's 5th district, who showed support for the industry despite not serving on relevant committees. Both Tarin and Jay emphasized the importance of addressing near-shore development challenges and the need for a larger coalition approach to these issues.

### *Political Contributions and Industry Insights*

The meeting discussed recent PAC contributions, with several renewals received and some generous contributions from companies like Tom and Jerry's and Master Marine. Roman explained a special election in the 26th district, where Senator Krishna Dawson, a prime sponsor of a lease bill, is running against Representative Michelle Caldier. The group decided to contribute equally to both candidates, maintaining neutrality while acknowledging their past support. Jay announced an upcoming pack fundraising golf tournament on September 20th at Harbor Point, and Dan shared insights from a recent event featuring Kellyanne Conway, emphasizing the current administration's pro-business stance. Tarin highlighted that 95% of boats sold by their industry are manufactured domestically, urging policymakers not to harm this existing manufacturing sector.

### *Nearshore Regulatory Challenges Update*

Jay reported on his recent attendance at the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association meeting, where he learned that nearshore regulatory challenges remain unresolved due to ongoing legal disputes between agencies. He shared that while there was no clear solution identified, a recent court ruling distinguished between "harm" and "take" under the ESA, which could potentially be positive. Jay also mentioned that the Biden administration plans to transfer fish

and wildlife protection responsibilities from NOAA to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, though this transition may not be completed until the end of the president's first term.

### *Membership Status and Recruitment Strategies*

The meeting focused on the association's current membership status, with George reporting 585 business members, down from 800 before the recession, and discussing the importance of renewals and recruiting new members. Dan shared information about Sun Country, a new California-based marine company that recently acquired Emerald Pacific and became the Riviera dealer, suggesting they would be a valuable addition to the association. The group discussed the upcoming annual meeting on the 18th and the need to promote attendance, with Jay emphasizing the importance of having active membership to address issues like sales tax on boats.

### *Expert Speakers and Program Updates*

The group discussed potential expert speakers for future meetings, with Jay offering to reach out to contacts including Dave and his lead staff, though he noted caution due to ongoing budget conflicts between DNR and Parks. Martin shared positive experiences working with Frank Gonzalez's boat recycling program, which handles vessel turn-ins and operates at public ports. The conversation ended with Jay mentioning his upcoming absence and Tarin mentioning a meeting with Tony next Wednesday.