



## BOATING & FISHING FACTS

Each year, it seems that televisions are bigger, computers get smaller and portable devices become more complex. But in the great outdoors, it's what stays the same that matters. Surveys from various sources point to the same conclusions: Regardless of what else may change, recreational boating and fishing continue to contribute significantly to the U.S. economy, enhance peoples' quality of life and preserve the country's natural beauty. The most recent data available on outdoor recreation show just how important these two activities are. According to...

### THE RECREATIONAL BOATING & FISHING FOUNDATION

*Source: RBFF online survey (2007)*

- Boaters and anglers are significantly more satisfied with their marriages, relationships and friendships — and are more likely to have a close relationship with their children — than those who don't boat or fish.
- Boaters and anglers are more likely to recycle, carpool and donate money to environmental organizations than people who aren't boaters and anglers.
- Connecting with family is a primary reason for going fishing.

### THE NATIONAL MARINE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

*Source: 2006 Recreational Boating Statistical Abstract (2007)*

- Nearly one-third of U.S. adults went boating in 2006, up nearly two percent from the previous year.
- Americans own approximately 18 million recreational boats.
- Sales of new boats nationwide reached \$15 billion in 2006, up from \$14.7 billion in 2005 and \$10.7 billion in 2004. A total of 912,300 boats were sold in 2006, a five percent increase from the number sold in 2005.

### THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

*Source: 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife-Associated Recreation (2007)*

- One in eight American adults — more than 30 million — fish, as do some eight million children ages six to 15. In 2006, they fished 517 million days and took 403 million trips.
- Anglers pumped more than \$42 billion dollars into the national economy in 2006. Of that total, nearly \$18 billion was spent on travel-related expenses, with \$6.3 billion going to food and lodging, and \$5 billion to transportation costs.





## THE CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION

*Source: Hunting & Fishing: Bright Stars of the American Economy (2007)*

- The average number of days anglers spend on the water each year – 17 – outpaces the 13 days they average for vacation.
- The fishing industry supports some one million jobs in the U.S., more than three times the number of jobs supplied by Home Depot.
- The number of people who fish each year is nearly double the 16 million who visit Orlando's Disney World, the world's number one resort.
- Approximately 17 million anglers fish from boats and spend roughly \$10 billion on boating activities.
- Boaters generate some \$570 million a year in fuel taxes for the Federal Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, which supports conservation of coastal wetlands and fisheries.
- In 2006, fishing activities generated \$16.4 billion in federal, state and local taxes.

## THE AMERICAN SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

*Source: Sportfishing in America (2007)*

- The number of Americans who boat and fish each year is more than 50 million, surpassing the combined number of those who golf and play tennis.
- Anglers produce more than \$600 million a year in fishing license sales and \$200 million in private donations for conservation efforts.

## THE NATIONAL SPORTING GOODS ASSOCIATION

*Source: 2006 Participation Reports*

- The number of Americans who fish outnumbers those who golf; run; hike; ski; work out in a gym; or play tennis, basketball and softball.
- As many women went fishing in 2006 as went running or jogging, and more children went fishing than played football or volleyball.

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