

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION**

**BOATING ADVISORY BOARD  
AGENDA**

**March 23, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**

**Members**

Chair Rocco Ali  
Vice Chair Steven Ketterer  
Roy Finney, Jr.  
Teresa Guerrein  
Brian Kane

**Members Ex Officio**

Ryan Dysinger for Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary for the  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Charles Charlesworth, Boating At-Large Commissioner  
Richard Lewis, Boating At-Large Commissioner

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Introduction of Guests
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2025, Meeting
- IV. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Recognition
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 91.2 (Definitions).
  - B. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 93.13 (Issuing Agents).
- IX. Discussion Items
  - A. Boating Safety Education Certificates (Mark Sweppenhiser)
  - B. Boating Safety Recap for 2025 (Ryan Walt)
  - C. National Recreational Boating Safety Survey (Adam Spangler)
  - D. Low Head Dam Public Safety Awareness Month (Adam Spangler)
  - E. National Safe Boating Week (Adam Spangler)
- X. Other Business
  - A. Quarterly Board of Commissioners Meeting
    - i. April 27, 2026
  - B. Next Boating Advisory Board Meeting
    - i. June 30, 2026
- XI. Adjourn

NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 91.2 (Definitions).

Commentary:

Act 28 of 2025 amended Title 30 Pa.C.S. Chapter 57 relating to at-risk, derelict and abandoned boats or ADVs. The term “public property” is used throughout Chapter 57 as well as in corresponding regulations in 58 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (Boat Registration and Numbering) however it is not defined. To facilitate implementation of the ADV law and regulations, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff recommend defining “public property” in 58 Pa. Code Chapter 91 (General Provisions) relating to boats and boating.

Staff propose the following change to § 91.2:

§ 91.2. Definitions

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) The term “public property” means lands, buildings and spaces owned or controlled by the Commonwealth, state agencies, municipalities, authorities, political subdivisions, public schools and universities, including such public properties with limited commercial uses for the storage of boats.

\* \* \* \* \*

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director of Boating

Action:

NEW BUSINESS

B. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 93.13 (Issuing Agents).

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) may designate issuing agents for the issuance of temporary boat registrations to the public. County treasurers, businesses dealing in boats, boating equipment or sporting goods, and temporary tag services or messenger services approved by the Department of Transportation for the issuance of temporary boat trailer registrations may apply to the Commission to become an issuing agent. Applicants interested in becoming an issuing agent for temporary boat registration must submit an application, a one-time fee, and a bond in favor of the Commission, in an amount specified by the Executive Director.

Commission staff have identified opportunities to realign the application form and requirements for temporary boat registration issuing agents to ensure consistency with the application and requirements for fishing license issuing agents. Fishing license agents, as authorized in 58 Pa. Code § 51.35, may submit a bond or other security in a form satisfactory to the Commission, in an amount specified by the Executive Director. By allowing temporary boat registration issuing agents the same flexibility to utilize other security, in lieu of a bond, it provides a more efficient, simpler process to secure temporary boat registration issuing agents. This proposed amendment will bring 58 Pa. Code § 93.13 (issuing agents) in alignment with § 51.35 (operation of the issuing agency) and allow the same flexibility for both temporary boat registration and fishing license issuing agents.

Staff propose the following change to § 93.13:

§ 93.13 Issuing Agents.

(a) Designation.

\* \* \* \* \*

(2) An applicant seeking to become an issuing agent for temporary boat registrations shall complete and submit to the Commission an application on the form prescribed by the Commission and shall pay a one-time, nonrefundable fee of \$250. Applications shall be accompanied by a bond in favor of the Commission, **or other security in a form satisfactory to the Commission,** in a minimum amount specified by the Executive Director or a designee.

\* \* \* \* \*

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director of Boating

Action: