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ICOMIA 60 Years History Timeline - 1966-2026



A celebration of ICOMIA's 60 long
year rich and vibrant past.

ICOMIA: 1966–Present (1)

A Visual Timeline of the International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA)

1966 – Foundation

ICOMIA is established to unify national marine trade associations and represent the global recreational boating industry.

1970s – International Expansion

Membership expands, strengthening global collaboration and regulatory dialogue.

1980s – Standards and Technical Leadership

Increased influence in safety and technical standards, including collaboration with ISO on small craft standards.

1990s – Environmental Focus

Engagement with the IMO and advocacy on emissions, antifouling systems, and environmental responsibility.

Early 2000s – Industry Data Development

Introduction of coordinated global recreational boating industry statistics and enhanced economic impact reporting.

2008–2010 – Financial Crisis Response

ICOMIA: 1966–Present (2)

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2014 – Global Statistics Benchmark

Launch of a comprehensive global recreational boating industry statistics report, establishing an international reference point.

Celebration of fifty years of leadership with an expanded global footprint including Asia-Pacific and emerging markets.

2020 – COVID-19 Coordination

Facilitated international information-sharing and safe reopening guidance during the pandemic as boating demand increased.

2022–Present – Sustainability and Decarbonisation

Focus on electrification, alternative fuels, lifecycle responsibility, and regulatory harmonisation across more than 35 national associations.

ICOMIA represents national marine industry associations globally.

We are the voice of the recreational marine industry worldwide.

Presidents of ICOMIA

Years	President	Country
1967–1971	A.W. Mackerer	USA
1971–1975	J. van Vollenhoven	Netherlands
1975–1977	R. Warrington-Smyth	United Kingdom
1977–1981	A. Hauser	USA
1984–1984	D. Sanders	United Kingdom
1984–1986	B. Lagerkvist	Sweden
1986–1988	J. Napier	USA
1988–1990	O. Emmes	Finland
1990–1992	A. Taselaar	Netherlands
1992–1996	B. Lagerkvist	Sweden
1996–1998	E. Munzer	Germany
1998–2000	A. Gasparri	Italy
2000–2002	Sam Bourne	United Kingdom



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Years	President	Country
2002–2004	Pierre Barbleu	France
2004–2006	Jouko Huju	Finland
2006–2008	Graeme Avers	Australia
2008–2010	Thom Dammrich	USA
2010–2012	Lorenzo Selva	Italy
2012–2015	Peter Methven	United Kingdom
2015–2016	Thom Dammrich	USA
2016–2018	Jouko Huju	Finland
2018–2020	Andrea Razeto	Italy
2020–2022	Sara Anghel	Canada
2023–2025	Darren Vaux	Australia
2025–Present	Frank Hugelmeyer	USA





ICOMIA Secretary General		
From	To	Secretary General
1967	1979	Tom A. Webb
1978	1992	Anthony L.L. Skinner
1992	2002	Tim P.T. Donkin

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From	To	Secretary General
2002	2015	Anthony J. Rice
2015	2022	Udo Kleinitz
2023	Present	Joe Lynch

ICOMIA Honorary Members	
Date	Honorary Member
30/09/1971	A.W. (Bill) MacKerer
19/03/1980	Tom Webb
14/04/2007	Björn Lagerkvist
06/06/2009	Ron Stone
01/06/2016	Paul Boomsma

ICOMIA Honorary Members (continued)		
Date	To	Honorary Member
07/06/2019		Jouko Huju
07/06/2019		Thom Dammrich
01/06/2023		YP Loke
23/05/2024		Peter Methven OBE
23/05/2024		Nick Hopkinson



In June 1966, during the 5th IFBSO Congress, the International Boat Trade Association was formed, and consisted of the following representatives:

- Mr AW Mackerer (USA)
- Mr AR Moody (UK)
- Mr JP Jouet (France)
- Mr G de Vries Lentsch (Netherlands)
- Mr G Eriksen (Sweden)

With Tom Webb, the Ship and Boat Builders Federation's Secretary General asked to provide Secretarial services.

The first meeting of this steering committee, known as the 'Steering Committee of Boating Trade Presidents', was held in the Avenida Palace Hotel in Barcelona on 13 November 1966. It was at this meeting the International Council of Marine Industry Associations – ICOMIA – was formed.

From humble beginnings with grand ideas, ICOMIA has always been at the forefront of the industry.

Today membership is estimated to represent more than 80% of the world's leisure boating business.





In 2026, ICOMIA continues to grow with members spread across the globe. This reinforces the thinking that a collaborative way of operating is a way to strengthen all aspects of the industry we love so much.





Here's to another 60 successful
years...

