

2026 ANNUAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

MAY 18-22, 2026 | Seward, Alaska



MONDAY, MAY 18

9:00AM - 12:00PM	WSBAA Board Meeting (Board Members)	Location: TBA
12:00PM - 2:00PM	New BLA Orientation & Lunch	Location: TBA
12:00PM - 3:30PM	Registration Opens (Vendor Setup)	KM Rae
5:00PM - 7:00PM	President's Reception Dinner	KM Rae
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Networking	Hotel 360

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Breakfast	Hotel 360
8:30AM - 11:30PM	<p>Opening Invocation</p> <p>National Anthem and "Alaska's Flag"</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Jack Ransom, Seward Park Ranger</p> <p>Brief Remarks Ricky Gease, Director, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and Matt Wedeking, Operations Manager, DPOR (invited)</p> <p>Keynote Address - Gregory Northstine, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, "Float Coat Song"</p> <p>Member State Presentations Each state will present a brief summary of their experiences, challenges, successes, and innovations in recreational boating as part of a best practice exchange for others to learn from and apply.</p>	KM Rae
11:30AM - 1:00PM	Lunch - on your own	Downtown Seward
1:00PM - 2:30PM	<p>Chance Miller Rental Vessels Challenges</p> <p>State of the rental industry in Alaska</p> <p>Mr. Miller will lead a discussion on liveries and how they can partner with boating agencies. He will also discuss Friday's optional paddle on Resurrection Bay</p>	KM Rae
2:30PM - 5:00PM	<p>Member State Presentations Each state will present a brief summary of their experiences, challenges, successes, and innovations in recreational boating as part of a best practice exchange for others to learn from and apply.</p> <p>Networking and possibly dinner at Stoney Creek Brewhouse</p>	

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Breakfast	Hotel 360
8:30AM - 12:00PM	Member State Presentations (continued) Each state will present a brief summary of their experiences, challenges, successes, and innovations in recreational boating as part of a best practice exchange for others to learn from and apply. Sponsor and Partner Presentations	KM Rae
2:00PM - 4:00PM	Conference and Workshop Member State Presentations Jacques Kosto - Common non-fatal violations	KM Rae
5:00PM - 7:00PM	Awards Dinner	Gateway Hotel or Stoney Creek Brewhouse
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Networking	

THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Breakfast	
8:30AM - 10:30AM	WSBAA Annual Business Meeting	Location: TBA
11:00AM - 11:30AM	Check in Harbor 360 Dock	
11:30AM - 5:30PM	Resurrection Bay Cruise w/lunch	Resurrection Bay
6:00PM - 8:00PM	Networking	Gateway Hotel or Stoney Creek Brewhouse

Friday, MAY 22

8:30AM - 1:00PM	Paddle on Resurrection Bay	Millers Landing
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