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| **Recreational Boating** |
| **Source:** MLA **Doc. No.:** 754 **Date:** November 3, 2000 **Committee:** [RECREATIONAL BOATING](http://www.mlaus.org/committee-profile.ihtml?id=260)   **FORMAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON**  **RECREATIONAL BOATING**    The Committee met on 2 November 2000. Robert D. McIntosh presented an informational report on a proposal to amend the law to allow recording a notice of claim of lien against any federally documented vessel, whether subject to a preferred ship mortgage or not. Although this has been in Congress as part of the Coast Guard Authorization Act, we understood that final action had not yet been taken. We also noted that the VIS and VDS programs remain in limbo since authorized by Congress, without visible progress on the horizon. We also noted potential changes to the Death on the High Seas Act, and examined recently-published NTSB Recommendations and Statistics regarding recreational boats.    Frank P. DeGiulio handed out the Fall/Winter 2000 issue of*Boating Briefs* which he had, as usual, ably prepared for distribution at the Association's General Meeting. Frank brought particular attention to the Third Circuit's use of depeçage to apply the laws of three jurisdictions to different issues in the latest round of *Calhoun v. Yamaha Motor Corp.*, 2000 AMC 1865 (3d Cir. 2000), and a recent decision making federal law exclusive of state statutory or common law with regard to propeller guards on boats, *Lady v. Neal Glaser Marine, Inc.*, 2000 AMC 2958 (5th Cir. 2000) (answering question left open when the Supreme Court dismissed *Lewis v. Brunswick Corp.*, 1998 AMC 2998 (1998) based on a settlement after oral argument in the Court).    Finally, the subject of amending the Inland Rules of the Road to accommodate the Sail Racing Rules when they conflict remains tabled. The Committee has no present plan to revive the issue unless substantial support for doing so and/or new developments appear.    Respectfully submitted,    Donald C. Greenman, Chair |