

ICOMIA DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

ICOMIA recognises the risks and challenges of Climate Change and will actively pursue a sustainable future for the marine industries by supporting its members in addressing this challenge.

ICOMIA acknowledges that the climate is changing and the evidence is unequivocal. Climate Change and the associated irreversible changes to weather patterns represent a threat to marine businesses, aquatic lifestyle and activities, safety and infrastructure. This threat extends to local, national and global economies. The threat cannot be ignored and a positive, proactive response can respond to the threat and reduce the risks, and bring social, economic and environmental benefits.

ICOMIA commits to taking pragmatic action in response to the threats posed by Climate Change.

ICOMIA will encourage its members to:

- develop strategies to decarbonise the recreational boating sector
- educate the industry to the importance of the ocean in terms of weather changes, biodiversity and sustainability.
- apply evidence to inform and support Climate Change action
- strengthen operational resilience by developing risk assessments and contingency plans (e.g., marinas, training)
- collaborate with energy and water suppliers, transport providers and others involved in the supply chain to understand interdependencies and reduce exposure to associated risks
- consider a range of Climate Change scenarios when developing adaptation strategies and include an appropriate combination of structural, operational and institutional measures
- focus on flexible and adaptive infrastructure, systems and operations to allow for future modification and to avoid 'locking in' to solutions that prove inappropriate as conditions change

ICOMIA will continue to support marine industry associations across recreational vessels and marinas by facilitating knowledge sharing to help them manage the Climate Change challenge locally through effective risk management.

ICOMIA will contribute to the global discussion to ensure that marine industries' interests are properly acknowledged, and to disseminate key messages to its members and the wider marine industries community where appropriate.

ICOMIA and its members will join forces with other marine industries stakeholders to meet these challenges, explore opportunities and contribute to a responsible, informed and sustainable way forward.