

American Boating Services Membership Agreement

As an American Boating Services Member in good standing, our on-the-water service is available from our towing company at the time of the breakdown or soft grounding in our service area. A Member in good standing will also have their Membership honored by Affordable Boat Tow, based in Milford, CT.

Service applies to you and any recreational boat owned, borrowed or chartered by you within your level of membership or lower. Dispatch is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, May 1 to October 31.

Your Membership provides for the commercial towing of your disabled boat from the point of breakdown at sea to your port of choice in our service area (outside our service area up to \$1500.00 coverage per year is included to tow you to a safe port, provided arrangements are made by American Boating Services), at sea battery jumpstarts, delivery of fuel (fuel cost is the responsibility of the Member), ungrounding assistance for a soft grounding, and towing of your disabled boat from a restricted use dock to your port of choice in our coverage area for the purpose of making repairs. A restricted use dock is one from which you are required to move immediately, i.e. fuel or restaurant docks and docks without overnight facilities. Towing Service is available at a reduced rate to tow your disabled boat from an unrestricted use dock or mooring, i.e. home docks or marinas.

The annual Membership fee provides services from May 1 – October 31 each year. In an emergency situation, contact the Coast Guard immediately. In all other situations call American Boating Services at (860) 227-8598 or VHF channel 9/16. You can also call USCG VHF channel 16 and ask them to contact us.

Membership service becomes effective when you receive your Membership card. This service does not apply to: pre-existing conditions; or battery jump starts or fuel delivery at a dock; or any tow from a repair or storage facility; or salvage, including but not limited to hard groundings, or any assistance requiring more than one vessel, pumps, divers, airbags or other special equipment; or the cost of fuel, supplies or equipment; or charges for escort, navigational assistance, search for lost vessels, retrieving anchors or other boating equipment; or charges to repair, haul, launch, commission, decommission, moor, dock or other marina charges. Annual Membership does not apply to you as a paid captain or any boat used for commercial purposes. Service will be provided to the safe limits of the local towing company's capabilities, but may be limited or will not be rendered when the disabled vessel cannot be safely or reasonably reached or secured and/or properly serviced without damage or grave danger to either vessel or people on board. This service and Membership Agreement is not a promise of rescue and will be limited to that which can be provided with equipment ordinarily used for Member service by American Boating Services. This Membership is not an insurance policy and does not provide for any liability or damages arising out of injury to persons, boats or property.

As the Captain, it is your responsibility to maintain care and consideration for your passengers, your vessel, and the others that share the waterway with you. This Membership does not apply if insurance or other prepaid towing services are providing for the same incident. Membership expires one year from the time of purchase unless cancelled prior by American Boating Services for violation of agreement.