

Privacy Policy

AWO is fully committed to protecting the privacy of its members and Web site visitors. This privacy policy explains information we collect, how we use it, and how we protect your personal privacy within our Web site. In order to fully understand your rights, we encourage you to read this Privacy Policy, as well as the Legal Notices provided on this Web site. The following discloses our information gathering and dissemination practices for the Web site located at www.americanwaterways.com

What Information We Collect and Use: We only collect information that personally identifies you or allows us to contact you when this information is voluntarily provided to us. Such information is generally requested and provided when you pay dues, register for meetings, or donate to AWO. Credit card information is obtained for the sole purpose of obtaining payment for registration fees meeting fees when applicable, but it is not transmitted, used, or retained for any other purpose. We maintain this information on our secure servers for our internal processes only. Our registration forms require users to give us contact information that may include name, email address, format preference (HTML vs. text), address, interests, and similar information. We do not request or store sensitive information from our members or visitors, such as social security numbers.

Correcting/Updating Personal Information: If your information changes, please email us at webmaster@vesselalliance.com Upon receiving your request, we will update or remove your information from our databases.

Internet Protocol Address: We collect an IP address from all visitors to our site. An IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer when you use the Internet. We use IP addresses to help diagnose problems with our server, administer our site, analyze trends, track users' movement, gather broad demographic information for aggregate use in order for us to improve the site, and deliver customized, personalized content. IP addresses are not linked to personally identifiable information. We do not release any information about the collection of this address to any third parties.

Use of "Cookies": Our sites may use cookies to enhance your experience while using them. Cookies are pieces of non-personal information that some Web sites transfer to the computer that is browsing that Web site and are used for record-keeping purposes at many Web sites. We use this information to improve our Web sites by evaluating traffic. We do not use cookies to track personal information. Use of cookies makes web-surfing easier by performing certain functions such as saving your passwords and your personal preferences regarding your use of the particular site and making sure you don't see the same ad repeatedly. Many consider the use of cookies to be an industry standard. Your browser probably is set to accept cookies. However, if you would prefer not to receive cookies, you can alter the configuration of your browser to refuse cookies. If you choose to have your browser refuse cookies, it is possible that some areas of our sites will not function properly when you view them.

Disclosure of Your Information: We do NOT sell or rent your personal information to third parties for commercial or any other purposes, except in response to subpoenas or for other legal reasons.

Links/Other Web Sites: Our sites contain links to other Web sites. Please note that when you click on one of these links, you may be entering another Web site for which AWO has no responsibility or control. We encourage you to read the privacy statements on all such sites as their policies may be different from ours. Any information you share with these Web sites is subject to their policies and practices and is independent of AWO.

Security: All information provided to AWO is transmitted using SSL (Secure Socket Layer) encryption. SSL is a proven coding system that lets your browser automatically encrypt, or scramble, data before you send it to us. We also protect account information by placing it on a secure portion of our website that is accessible only by certain qualified employees of AWO. Unfortunately, however, no data transmission over the Internet is 100% secure. While we strive to protect your information, we cannot ensure or warrant the security of such information.

Consent: By using our Web site, you consent to the collection and use of this information by AWO as outlined herein.

Notification of Policy Changes: AWO reserves the right to change this Privacy Policy. If we decide to change our Privacy Policy, we will post those changes on our home page so that you are always aware of what information we collect, how we use it, and under what circumstances, if any, we disclose it. Any such change will be effective immediately upon posting.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, the practices of AWO's site, or your dealings with this site, you can contact:

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You can also send an email to: webmaster@vesselalliance.com Please reference this Privacy Policy in your subject line.