

Memorandum of Understanding
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**National Safe Boating Council
and the
National Association of State Boating Law Administrators**

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (hereafter referred to as "NASBLA") and the National Safe Boating Council (hereafter referred to as "NSBC").

WHEREAS, NASBLA is the professional association representing the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, NSBC is a national, non-profit coalition of organizations committed to the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education, outreach, and training; and

WHEREAS, both organizations desire to form a covenant of mutual cooperation and collaboration in support of recreational boating safety objectives for the benefit of boaters throughout North America;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and in furtherance of the mutual goals and premises hereof and the conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

NASBLA and NSBC will work to support each organization's respective mission.

NASBLA's mission is to strengthen the ability of the state and territorial boating authorities to reduce death, injury, and property damage associated with recreational boating and ensure a safe, secure, and enjoyable boating environment.

NASBLA accomplishes its mission by:

- Providing national leadership and advocacy to focus policies and resources on reducing risks in recreational boating and in waterway security;
- Providing models and standards that foster best practices and uniformity among the states and territories;
- Providing professional development opportunities and other products and services that benefit members; and
- Identifying and employing the highest professional standards and best practices in governing, administering, and measuring the performance of the association.

NSBC's mission is to reduce accidents and enhance the recreational boating experience as the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education, outreach, and training.

NSBC accomplishes its mission by:

- Conducting a series of on-going national campaigns to promote safe boating;
- Providing opportunities to work directly with national and international leaders in boating education;
- Improving the professional development of boating safety educators;
- Disseminating safe boating information;
- Developing and recognizing outstanding boating safety programs; and
- Supporting research initiatives that strengthen boating education and safety awareness

NSBC and NASBLA will work cooperatively to identify opportunities to strengthen both national and local collaborative efforts including fostering mutual support for the National Boating Education Standards as well as for cooperative initiatives in recreational boating safety instructor development and certification. The NSBC and NASBLA will provide in-kind advertising, outreach, and marketing efforts to promote the other organization's initiatives, when appropriate.

NASBLA and NSBC will explore, and when appropriate, jointly pursue projects mutually determined to be beneficial to recreational boaters. These projects include, but are not limited to, initiatives funded under the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The parties will work cooperatively to ensure that programs sponsored by both organizations benefit boaters and boating organizations.

Specifically, NSBC and NASBLA will collaborate, together with other parties as appropriate, in the production, management and delivery of the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS), an annual professional development seminar providing targeted learning opportunities and training experiences for a multidisciplinary audience of boating and water safety professionals. The IBWSS is a project currently funded under the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

In support of its Certified Recreational Boating Professional (CRBP) credential and the CRBP program's ongoing educational requirements, NASBLA will recognize NSBC as a *preferred educational provider*.

NASBLA and NSBC will strive to maintain routine communications between each organization's policy-makers and staff to promptly address concerns that may arise on boating safety issues and to keep each organization informed of policies,

priorities, actions and other developments which might impact the parties' relationships and/or their ability to support the broader boating safety agenda. These routine communications will include standing invitations for each party to send a representative to attend the other organization's respective governing committee or board meetings, but does not preclude the possibility of special (member only) executive sessions.

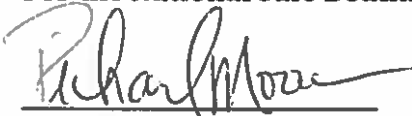
Finally, in consideration of each organization's willingness to provide complimentary annual membership benefits to the other party, NASBLA and NSBC agree to waive the respective membership fees associated with member participation at the national level.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon its signing and will remain in effect unless terminated by written notice by either party. This understanding does not constitute a legally binding agreement between the parties and/or their authorized representatives.

This mutual pledge of support does not commit, bind, or obligate either party to participate in any relationship that involves corporate sponsorships and/or a commercial entity, with the exercise of these options left to each organization's respective governing bodies. Either party may request modifications or amendments to this agreement at any time by written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have herewith set their hands and seals as of the day and year written.

For the National Safe Boating Council:



Richard Moore, Chair
September 15, 2015

For the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators:



Eleanor Mariani, President
September 15, 2015