# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

### STATEMENT OF POLICY ON TEACHING BOATING SAFETY COURSES

This memorandum of understanding is between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Law Enforcement Division (hereafter referred to as MDNR-LAW) and the United States Power Squadrons (hereafter referred to as USPS).

In furtherance of their mutual goals, the MDNR-LAW and the USPS agree to work together according to the guidelines for activities set forth below, to work in mutual cooperation in teaching boating safety courses and ultimately to create a safer operating experience for Michigan boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

## I. The United States Power Squadrons shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Schedule and administer boating safety courses in the state through the USPS administrative structure.
- B. Continue to conduct and administer the boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) guideline and course requirements.
- C. Utilize state pamphlets covering Michigan boating laws in the conduct of USPS NASBLA approved courses.
- D. Request participation of MDNR Law Enforcement Officers in the conduct of the classes covering state boating regulations and laws.
- E. Provide MDNR-LAW information on the date, time and location of boating safety public courses. Provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.
- F. Provide each student successfully completing the USPS NASBLA approved courses with a USPS Certificate of Completion.
- G. No state fee, other than local taxes shall be associated in any manner with the fees charged for textbooks, materials and other course supplies and those charged to defray any custodial or classroom usage fees.
- H. Provide a principal USPS point of contact to work directly with the State Boating Law Administrator, or designated representative, in the execution of this program.

# II. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Law Enforcement Division shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Recognize successful completion of the USPS NASBLA approved courses as meeting state boating education requirements.
- B. Provide up to 10 examination questions on state specific laws and regulations.
- C. Provide state pamphlets and other materials for each student attending the NASBLA approved USPS courses.
- D. Provide point of contact through the State Boating Law Administrator for requests to have MDNR Law Enforcement Officers participate at boating safety courses.
- E. Provide initial orientation training materials to USPS instructors covering state of Michigan watercraft laws and regulations.
- F. Provide the USPS contact person periodic updates concerning changes in state boating laws and regulations.
- G. All obligations of the state of Michigan are subject to the provisions of Part 801 of Act 451 of 1994 and Act 116 of 1998.

#### II. Mutual responsibilities:

- A. Amendments made to this understanding must be with the written consent of both parties.
- B. The effective date of this understanding is <u>April 20</u>, 2000, and may be terminated by either party upon a 30-day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memorandum and its attachments represent the complete agreement between the parties.
- C. In carrying out the terms of this memorandum, there shall be no discrimination against any person because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin or disability.

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

4-20-00

For the United States Power Squadrons:

For the State of Michigan:

Chief, Law Enforcement Division

Date