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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION  
AND  
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY ON TEACHING PUBLIC BOATING  
COURSES IN COLORADO**

This memorandum of understanding is between the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (hereafter referred to as DPOR) and the United States Power Squadrons (hereafter referred to as USPS).

In furtherance of their mutual goals, the DPOR 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 Colorado boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

- I. The United States Power Squadrons shall have the following responsibilities:
  - A.. Conduct and administer the boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) guidelines and course requirements.
  - B. Incorporate Colorado boat laws and regulations into all public courses offered by USPS in Colorado.
  - C. Provide DPOR information on date, time, and location of public courses offered by USPS in Colorado.
  - D. Request participation of DPOR officers in the conduct of the classes covering state boating laws and regulations. (Minimum six weeks notice if possible)
  - E. Incorporate an additional examination page containing state specific questions, as provided by DPOR, into the USPS public courses final examinations.
  - F. Administer the USPS public courses final examinations, with the state specific questions included, at the conclusion of USPS public courses for students seeking DPOR certification.
  - G. Document that students seeking DPOR certification receive a score of 70% or higher on the USPS public courses in Colorado final examinations by mailing the completed test, registration information, and a 1"x 1" student facial photo to DPOR to issue the certification card.
  - H. Provide a principal USPS contact to work directly with the DPOR in execution of this program.
- II. The Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation shall have the following responsibilities:
  - A. Recognize successful completion of USPS NASBLA approved courses as meeting state boating education requirements.

- B. Provide Colorado boating law and regulation pamphlets, copies of Boating Safely in Colorado, and student registration information for students seeking DPOR certification.
- C. Provide up to 10 examination questions (and answers) on state specific laws and regulations.
- D. Provide initial orientation workshops to all USPS instructors covering state of Colorado watercraft laws and regulations.
- E. Provide a listing of DPOR officers available to make presentations covering state boating laws and regulations.
- F. Provide USPS instructors with periodic updates concerning changes in state boat laws and regulations

III. Mutual Responsibilities:

- A. Any amendments to this understanding must be with written consent of both parties.
- B. The effective date of this understanding is 4/22, 1998 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 above written.

For the United States Power Squadrons,

Arthur H. Farr 4/3/98  
 Chief Commander Date

For the State of Colorado,

Laurie Max 4/22/98  
 for Director, Department of Natural Resources Date

Joseph M. Maurer 4/22/98  
 Deputy Director, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Date