

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®  
AND  
THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission), and United States Power Squadrons (USPS®).

The Commission and USPS agree to cooperate according to this MOU in the teaching of public boating safety courses to create a safer boating experience, as follows;

**I. USPS shall:**

- A. Conduct Commission approved boating safety courses.
- B. Participate with local marine enforcement in conducting classes covering state boating regulations.
- C. Provide the Commission with date, time, and location of boating safety courses and the contact person for all courses, number of classes taught and the number of students successfully completing each class.
- D. Assign an USPS State Liaison Officer to work with the Commission.

**II. The Commission shall:**

- A. Recognize successful completion of USPS courses as meeting state boating education requirements.
- B. Provide support and materials for classes.
- C. Provide a listing of Approved Marine Law Enforcement Programs for use in requesting law enforcement participation in classes.
- D. Provide examination questions covering Washington boating laws and regulations.
- E. Provide periodic updates on Washington boating laws and regulations through the designated liaison and/or at USPS meetings.
- F. Recognize an original or notarized copy of an USPS course completion certificate as acceptable for any state requirement needing proof of course completion.

**III. Mutual Responsibilities:**

- A. Changes to this MOU can be made at any time subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.
- B. Under this MOU, there shall be no discrimination against any person because of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

For the United States Power Squadrons:

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12/11/98  
Date

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12/7/98  
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