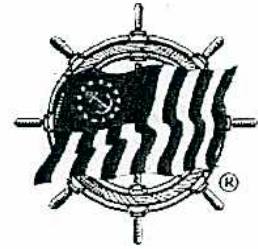




Memorandum of Understanding



National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the United States Power Squadrons

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the *National Association of State Boating Law Administrators* and the *United States Power Squadrons*, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" to this Memorandum of Understanding.

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is a national, non-profit association of state officials responsible for the development and implementation of state boating programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Power Squadrons is the world's largest non-profit boating education organization with more than 60,000 members dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects; 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 the nation;

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:

I. The parties will work to support each organization's respective mission:

A) The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' mission is to protect, promote and enhance safe and enjoyable boating on our nation's waters and to foster partnerships and cooperation among recreational boating safety interests.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators accomplishes its mission by:

- Providing a medium for the exchange of member views and experiences;
- Promoting greater uniformity in state and territorial law and regulations;
- Improving efficiency in administration and enforcement of boating laws;
- Establishing and maintaining national education standards and educational methods;
- Fostering national, interstate and Federal-State cooperation and coordination; and
- Ensuring the right of all persons to safely boat, share and enjoy our nation's waters through firm, fair and effective laws.

B) The United States Power Squadrons' three-prong mission includes promoting and supporting community service and continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of fellow members.

The United States Power Squadrons' accomplishes its mission by:

- Providing community-based boating safety courses through its 450 local squadrons to train more than 3 million boaters during the organization's 85 year history;
- Developing boating safety course materials to meet the educational requirements for recreational boat operation in all states;
- Reporting nautical chart corrections for the National Ocean Service to provide the boating public more accurate, up-to-date and reliable navigational assistance;
- Providing well-planned courses of instruction on advanced boating and maritime subjects including seamanship, piloting, plotting and position finding, celestial navigation, cruise planning, engine maintenance, marine electronics and sailing among many others; and
- Establishing a national member information network on local boating considerations and characteristics through its Port Captain program.

- II. The parties will work cooperatively to identify opportunities to strengthen both national and local collaborative efforts including fostering mutual support for the NASBLA National Education Standards and the Power Squadrons' Public Boating Education program.**
- III. The parties will explore, and when appropriate, jointly pursue research projects mutually determined to be beneficial to recreational boaters. These projects include but are not limited to initiatives funded under the Aquatic Resources Trust Funds (Wallop-Breaux) 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.**
- IV. The parties 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 well informed of policies, priorities, actions and other developments that might impact the parties' relationship and/or their ability to support the broader boating safety agenda.**

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 legal or binding agreement between or among the parties and/or their authorized representatives. Either party may request modifications or amendments to this agreement for amendment 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 United States Power Squadrons:

**For the National Association of
State Boating Law Administrators:**

Past Chief Commander - Bill Selden 9/13/00

President -- Paul Donheffner 9/13/00