

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

This memorandum of understanding is between Arkansas Department of Natural Resources (hereafter referred to as Department) and United States Power Squadrons (hereafter referred to as USPS).

In furtherance of their mutual goals, the Department and USPS (a private, non-profit, non-governmental, and non-military organization dedicated to promoting boating safety through education) 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 Arkansas boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

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

- A. Schedule and administer boating safety courses in the state through USPS administrative structure.
- B. Continue to conduct and administer boating safety courses in accordance with National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) guidelines and course requirements.
- C. Provide the Department information on the date, time and location of boating safety public courses. Provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.
- D. Utilize state pamphlets covering Arkansas boating laws in the conduct of NASBLA-approved courses.
- E. Incorporate an additional examination page containing state specific questions, as provided by the Department into USPS public courses final examinations. Insure currency and validity of state specific questions.
- F. Provide each student successfully completing the NASBLA-approved USPS courses with a USPS Certificate of Completion.
- G. Provide a principal USPS point of contact to work directly with the Department in the

execution of this program.

- H. Invite the Department's participation in the classes covering state boating regulations and laws.
- I. No state fee shall be associated in any manner with fees charged for textbooks, materials and other course supplies and those charged to defray custodial or classroom usage fees.

II. The Arkansas Department of Natural Resources shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Provide state pamphlets and other materials for each student attending the NASBLA-approved USPS courses.
- B. Provide up to ten examination questions (and answers) on state specific laws and regulations.
- C. Provide USPS instructors periodic updates concerning changes in state boating laws and regulations.
- D. Post date, time, contact phone number and location of USPS boating safety courses on the Department's web site and/or boat registration counters.
- E. Recognize successful completion of USPS NASBLA-approved courses as meeting any state boating education requirements, if and when state requirements are established.
- F. This statement of cooperation in no way precludes the Department from entering into a similar agreement with any other organization.
- G. Upon the request of USPS, the Department shall make a reasonable effort to provide personnel to make presentations at boating safety courses.
- H. Conduct orientation for USPS instructors that covers Arkansas state watercraft laws and regulations.


III. Mutual responsibilities:

- A. Any amendments made to this understanding must be with the written consent of both parties.
- B. The effective date of this understanding shall be on the date the Department signs and may be terminated by either party upon a thirty-day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memorandum and its attachments represent the complete agreement between the parties.
- C. Each party shall review this MOU annually for amendments.

D. 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 date and year first above written.

For United States Power Squadrons:

 SN

Chief Commander Lance J. Jensen, SN

13 July 2001

Date

For the State of Arkansas



Date

Date