

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON**  
**and**  
**MARYLAND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE**

Whereas, the Maryland Natural Resources Police are the primary law enforcement, search and rescue, and state boating education agency in Maryland.

Whereas, the United States Power Squadrons are the leading volunteer boating education organization in the United States with Squadrons with 2500 Members in Maryland.

Whereas, both organizations have as one of their primary missions the promotions of safe boating and the prevention of boating accidents.

Whereas, the Superintendent of the Maryland Natural Resources Police and the Commander of the District 5 of the United States Power Squadrons are determined that to improve the communications between these two organizations and better each mission for safe boating.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, 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) guidelines and course requirements.
  - C. Utilize state pamphlets covering Maryland's boating laws in the conduct of USPS NASBLA approved courses.
  - D. Request participation of Maryland Natural Resources Police in the conduct of the classes covering state boating regulations and laws.
  - E. Provide each student successfully completing the USPS NASBLA approved courses with the USPS Certification of Completion.
- II. The Maryland Natural Resources Police shall have the following responsibilities:
  - A. Recognize successful completion of the USPS NASBLA approved classroom 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 a listing of Natural Resources Police and Natural Resources Police Reserve Officer personnel available to make presentations at boating safety courses.
- E. Provide initial orientation workshops to all USPS instructors covering state of Maryland boating laws and regulations.
- F. Provide the USPS Instructors periodic updates concerning changes in state boating 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 is November 1, 1997 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:

*LMBarrus*  
Chief Commander

27 October 97  
Date

For the State of Maryland:

*[Signature]*  
Superintendent, Natural Resources Police

3 Nov 97  
Date