

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND
THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

STATEMENT ON POLICY ON TEACHING BOATING SAFETY COURSES

This memorandum of understanding is between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement. (Hereafter referred to as RI DEM- Law Enforcement) and the United States Power Squadrons (hereafter referred to as USPS).

In furtherance of their mutual goals, the RI DEM-Law Enforcement 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 Rhode Island Boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. 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 Rhode Island boating laws in the conduct of USPS NASBLA approved courses.
 - D. Request participation of RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement Environmental Police Officer in the conduct of the classes covering state boating regulations and laws.
 - E. Provide RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement information on the dates, times, and locations, of boating safety courses offered to the public. And, provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.
 - F. Provide each student successfully completing the USPS NASBLA approved courses with a USPS Certificate of Completion.
 - G. Document that Rhode Island state specific information was taught and supply course roster to RIDEM Division of Law Enforcement so that a state certificate can be issued.
 - H. Only those fees authorized by the USPS for text books, materials, and other course supplies and custodial fees will be charged to the students.
 - I. Provide a principal USPS point of contact to work directly with the State Boating Law Administrator or his/her designated representative, in the execution of this program.
 - J. Provide volunteer instructors to teach approved boating safety courses sponsored by RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement on a not-to-interfere with USPS course basis.
- 2. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement shall have the following responsibilities:**
 - A. Recognize successful completion of the USPS NASBLA approved courses as meeting state boating education requirements.
 - B. Provide a state specific exam or supply state specific questions on state laws or regulations.


- C. Provide State "Boaters Guides" and other material for each student attending the NASBLA approved USPS courses.
- D. Provide state boating safety certificates to those students successfully completing the USPS NASBLA approved courses upon receiving confirmation that the student passed the course and state specific section.
- E. Provide a source of RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement personnel to teach State specific topics.
- F. Provide orientation workshops to all USPS instructors covering Rhode Island boating laws and regulations.
- G. Provide periodic updates as law, rules, and regulations change.
- H. Provide adequate notification for request for instructors to teach DEM sponsored boating safety courses.

3. Mutual Responsibilities:

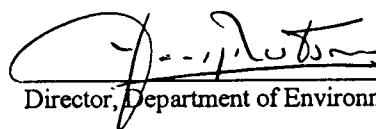
- A. Any amendments made to this understanding must be with the written consent of both parties.
- B. The effective date of this understanding is April 1, 2000, and may be terminated by either party upon a 30 day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memorandum and it's attachments if any, represents 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:


 Chief Commander _____ 20 MARCH 2000
 Date

For the State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations:


 Director, Department of Environmental Management _____ March 30, 2000
 Date


 Chief, Division of Law Enforcement _____ 4-4-00
 Date