

## Government and Partner Relations Committee

1300 Thursday, September 11, 2014

Call to order by R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

### Members present:

P/C Gale Alls, SN	P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN	St/C Robert E. Canfield, JN
P/D/C Kenneth A. Danley, P	P/V/C Robert David, SN	P/R/C William E. Husted, SN
R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN	D/Lt/C Janet M. Klumpp, AP	Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP
Mary T. Larson, S	Stf/C John D. Miller, AP	P/R/C Kenneth Link, SN
P/D/C Patrick A. Pabout, P	P/R/C Joyce F. Shaw, AP	P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN
P/D/C Peter TenBrink, SN	P/D/C Bruce R. Theriault, AP	D/1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Ralph J. Ziegler, JN

Members and guests did self-introduction.

### Approval of San Antonio Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 17, 2014 Annual meeting were approved as presented

### Guests:

C/C Robert Baldrige, SN, USPS Chief Commander  
C/C Joseph Gatfield, JN CPS-ECP  
Capt. F. Thomas Boross, USCG  
Jeff Hoedt, USCG Chief, Boating Safety Div.  
Rachel Johnson, Executive Director, NSBC  
Yalda Moslehian, NSBC, Wear It campaign  
Stuart Gilfillen, US Sailing/US Power Boating  
Ted Sensenbrenner, Boat US Foundation for Boating Safety  
R/C Thomas D. Myers, JN USPS Environmental Committee  
Cdr Janet Curle, SN Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, D9  
Rebecca Jones, S Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, D9  
Cdr David W. Grill, JN Northern New Jersey Sail & Power Squadron D4

### Guest Speakers

R/C Mary Ann Jensen introduced guest speakers in the following order:

P/D/C Peter TenBrink, SN  
Capt. F. Thomas Boross, USCG  
Jeff Hoedt, USCG Chief, Boating Safety Div.  
C/C Robert Baldrige, SN, USPS Chief Commander  
C/C Joseph Gatfield, JN (CPS-ECP)

**P/D/C Peter TenBrink** presented an experimental program taking place in Long Island District 3 and the local USCGA called "Operation Onboard Observer." The program allows USPS members to ride along on USCGA facilities as observers after they have taken a USCGA training class for Marine Domain Awareness. The class is taught by a qualified Auxiliarist and takes about 90 minutes. USPS members are used as observers (extra eyes) and may do minor tasks if asked. However their primary function is to ride along to observe. Because this is an accepted USPS function, members are covered by our insurance but the US Coast Guard believes that federal insurance may also cover our members. Captain F. Thomas Boross of USCG is investing this issue through their system. Peter stressed that this is an experimental program and should not be initiated in other USPS districts at this time.

Captain Boross expressed his support of this program as well as many of the attending members. Cdr David Grill of Northern New Jersey, district 4, wanted to roll this out in their district, however both Peter TenBrink and Stf/C John Miller expressed the fact that this is an ongoing program in development and will not or should not be expanded until it has successfully completed the development stage.

**"Note: Captain F. Thomas Boross reported as of Sept. 18, 2014, the subject of USCG federal insurance covering the USPS members has been investigated by the Coast Guard legal staff and federal backed**

**insurance will not be provided. However USPS insurance will still apply as these functions will be considered legitimate USPS events."**

(See updated PowerPoint presentation on web site Government & Partners Relations web site:  
<http://www.usps.org/national/govprcom/documents/Operation%20Observer%20Onboard.pdf> )

**Note; This presentation and program are in the experimental and development stage and shall not be shown to those outside the GPRCom or USPS national leadership population.**

**Capt. F. Thomas Boross, USCG** thanked the group for its collaboration with USCG and USCGA and again mentioned how we need to work together to improve boating safety. This is another way along with Vessel Safety Checks and Program Visitation that present a united front to the boating public that our groups are truly hand in hand on the aspects of boating safety and education.

He also mentioned that today is the anniversary of the attack of 9/11 on the US and that this program along with America's Waterway Watch will help prevent possible future attacks.

**Jeff Hoedt, USCG Chief, Boating Safety Div.** first gave kudos to the group and USPS for the fatality reduction of last year. There are now less than 2 people a day killed as a result of boating accidents, a first. The Sportfish Trust Fund has \$600 million approved however only 2/3 has been released for the fiscal year. \$100 million has been established for boating safety items. Jeff noted that USPS's work on the virtual trainer simulator has provided a successful simulator that was possible because of the USCG grant. Currently the Coast Guard is being asked to work on capacity requirements for boats over 20 feet due to the capsizing of large sport fishing boat in New York. They are also looking at a boating certificate for all boaters, any age entering into the sport. They have changed the accident report form by simplifying to 5"X8" form, hoping to get more people to report all accidents, not just major injury or deaths. They are also looking into requiring EPIRBs for any vessel more than 3 miles from shore. Still investing prop strike preventative devices, are not totally satisfied with all the designs to date. Question posed by D/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ziegler if a DSC radio with GPS input would serve as EPIRB on the Great Lakes as many fisherman often are out beyond 3 miles as are many Great Lakes boaters. Jeff stated that that is one of their equipment considerations.

**C/C Robert Baldrige, SN** welcomed the group and thanked all the partners. Noted that this group has a large effect on the overall membership and policy direction. Wants to continue with our work.

**CPS-EPC C/C Joe Gatfield, JN**, updated the group on CPS's progress. District and squadron functions remain the same only the national organization and voting has changed. No bridge but a board of directors, one vote per member. They have received a continuance effective July 15, 2014. They have built a new house with all policies, by laws reviewed and rewritten or eliminated. They are now using electronic meetings and webinars to do much of their business, eliminating costs.

Joe also discussed a very successful flare disposal program run together with Orion which got rid of 10 times more flares than originally estimated.

#### **Administration:**

GPRCom Website (P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN) – Not present

Roster and webpage – D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Ralph J. Ziegler, JN & P/D/C John Bennett, SN

P/D/C Bennett circulated roster and requested all to review and mark up changes.

D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Ralph J. Ziegler noted any electronic or lengthy reports will be available on the web site with excerpts included in the minutes.

MOUs – Stf/C Robert Canfield, JN Memos of Understanding (MOUs)

Pending MOU for NAMEPA still in draft stage and review. Working with Environmental committee. Hoping to sign for 2015 Annual meeting.

New MOU possible for Weather Ready Nation. Working with Marine Environment committee.

They are part of NOAA but a separate MOU might better formalize the relationship.

State MOUs; Arkansas & Indiana, we have no copy. 9 states have no MOU and do not recognize USPS boating safety class. (See Attachment 1 for full list of state MOUs)

New Jersey has issued a letter regarding the requirements for teaching the USPS ABC class and is in review to gather concerns of D4. (See Attachment 2)

**Break 1500-1515**

**R/C Bill Husted, SN - Homeland Security** active programs currently are America's Waterway Watch and Citizen Corps. Seem to lagging in enthusiasm by USPS members. Citizen Corps is mostly first responders. Concern that district and squadrons are not interested or not getting information to get involved. Questions posed as to what AWW observers are to look for, it is a passive not active program, law enforcement on the water is already doing the job, more programs overload squadron leadership, some squadrons are sending information out in new member packs, AWW number should be in cell phone

#### **Liaison**

**R/C Mary Ann Jensen**, reported for Liaison P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN that no reports were received.

#### **P/R/C Joyce Shaw, AP, - National Safe Boating Council**

**D/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ziegler** noted that Joyce's 3 page report will be on web site for perusal. The following is an excerpt for the minutes.

#### **NSBC activity report** excerpts:

##### *Board of Directors:*

**Chris Edmonston**, *Chair* (BoatU.S. Foundation)  
**Joyce Shaw**, *Past Chair* (US Power Squadrons)  
**Richard Moore**, *Vice-Chair* (Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission)  
**Chris Stec**, *Treasurer* (American Canoe Association)  
**Betsy Woods**, *Secretary* (Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency);

##### *Members-at-Large*

**Matt Gruhn** (Marine Retailers Association of the Americas)  
**Pam Doty** (US Army Corps of Engineers).

##### *Ex-officio Organizational Representatives;*

**Joe Carro** (USCG Division of Boating Safety)  
**Larry Bowling** (National Transportation Safety Board)  
**Brian Westfall** (National Water Safety Congress)  
**Jean Murray** (Canadian Safe Boating Council)  
**Herb Angell**, *President*  
**John Johnson**, *Executive Director* (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators)  
**Sarah Ryser** (National Marine Manufacturers Association).

##### *Staff members;*

**Rachel Johnson**, *CAE, Executive Director*  
**Fred Messmann**, *Deputy Director*  
**Sheila Chappell**, *Office Manager*  
**Yalda Moslehian**, *Communications Coordinator*  
**Sandy Smith**, *Financial Officer*  
**Emily King**, *Training Director*

Additional meetings included the NSBC General Membership & Spring Board of Directors, Fall Board of Directors, Congressional Reception and NSBC Life Jacket Wear Rate Tiger Team Workshop. **NSBC** and agency partner Paul Werth Associates recently clinched eight awards for integrated communications.

Information on grants, contests and training are detailed in Joyce's report. She has included a number of helpful web site URLs.

(See Government & Partners Relations web site URL for Joyce's full report:

<http://www.usps.org/national/govprcom/documents/PRC%20Joyce%20Shaw's%20NSBC%202014.pdf> )

Joyce introduced NSBC Executive Director Rachel Johnson,

**NSBC Executive Director Rachel Johnson** noted they are now relocated and welcome visitors.

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A new world record was set 17 May 2014, when 6,973 people gathered at 175 events held in nine countries to set a new world record for the number of participants who either inflated their life jacket or wore an inherently buoyant life jacket. The annual event, hosted by the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) in partnership with the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC), served as the kickoff to the 2014 North American Safe Boating Week 17 - 23 May. Noted that NSBC won 8 more communication award for safe boating campaigns. She introduced Yalda Moslehian, communications coordinator, who handles the Wear It campaign. Rachel invited members to attend International Boating and Water Safety Summit held in Sandestin, Florida on Sunday, March 29 - Wednesday, April 1, 2015. As always reminded us that there is a supply numerous handout materials for safe boating.

**P/V/C Robert David, SN, - National Boating Federation, (NBF), European Boating Association (EBA) and Royal Yachting Association (RYA)**

Represents us on NBF, EBA. EBA represents 20 million boaters in various European countries. Major item of concern is establishment of a licensing system for US boaters wanting to boat in Europe. Work is current underway with hopes of a solution in the near future. (See Attachment 3)

**P/C/C Theodore Smith, SN - United Safe Boating Institute**

Gave brief history of the institute, noting that USBI supplies a number of brochures. They, as most, have been effected by budget cuts. They were involved in the VE failure report. They are developing a bar code reader to assure boaters get the right PFDs and have signage for retail marine suppliers showing proper PFD styles and usage.

**Lobbying, Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP**

Greg talked about developing a lobbying program. He is in need of volunteers to help develop the program and aide the committee to identify important issues for lobbying and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Because we had no established policy for boater education, Virginia USPS members were concerned over an upcoming bill, requiring all boaters of any age to have proof of boating class. There was an exemption for fishing captains or boat owners 45 years of age or older whose boats have been registered for 5 consecutive years. The end result of the bill was the governor vetoed it because of the exception, which agreed with a USPS statement that "boating education requirements should not be reduced."

We also need to share with and tap into other safe boating organizations regarding suggestions for policy development issues.

**State Legislation, Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP**

Greg has concern over the lack of team leaders and state representatives. P/C Gale Alls, SN provided a state legislation listing from the NRBS Coalition. **Ralph Ziegler** noted that it will be summarized and added to attachments. (See Attachment 4)

**Mary Ann Jensen** asked if there was any other business.

**Mary Larsen** noted that the new MARPOL decals were now available. An example is in the attachments. (See Attachment 5)

Adjournment 1655

**1. List of state MOUs**

STATE	DATE SIGNED	TERMINATION DATE	SIGNED PDF	REMARKS
Alabama	n/a			None exists
Alaska	n/a			None exists
Arizona	Oct 8, 2004	30 day notice	No	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Arkansas	Unknown, date & signature missing	30 day notice	USPS-yes State-no	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
California	Oct. 1, 1999	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review annually
Colorado	Apr. 22, 1998	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Connecticut	Aug. 23, 2013	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review every three years
Delaware	Mar. 26, 1998	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Florida	Apr. 15, 2000	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, some modifications, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Georgia	Sept. 10, 2004	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review every three years
Hawaii	Aug. 1, 2000	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU
Idaho	May 20, 1999-no specific date, above is last date signed	None indicated	Yes	Std. MOU
Illinois	n/a			None exist, Illinois law recognizes USPS by statute
Indiana	Unknown, no date indicated	30 day notice by Indiana	No	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors, review annually
Iowa	May 15, 2000	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide appropriate orientation to USPS instructors
Kansas	July 9, 1999, no specific date, above is last date signed	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU
Kentucky	n/a		Yes	None exists
Louisiana	Nov. 17,2001, no specific date, above is last date signed	No termination mentioned	Yes	Std. MOU
Maine	Nov. 8, 2004	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review every three years
Maryland	Nov. 1, 1997	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Massachusetts	Jan, 1, 1999	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Michigan	Apr. 20, 2000	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU
Minnesota	Dec. 3, 1997		Yes to State	No MOU, letter of understanding sent by Boat & Water Safety Coordinator to D/C of District 10
Mississippi	June 4, 2001, no specific date, above is last date signed	None indicated	Yes	Std. MOU
Missouri	Dec. 19, 2000, no specific date, above is last date signed	30 day notice	Yes	Std. agreement to be reviewed in 2001 and every 2 years thereafter
Montana	Dec. 22, 2004	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review every three years
Nebraska	n/a			None exists

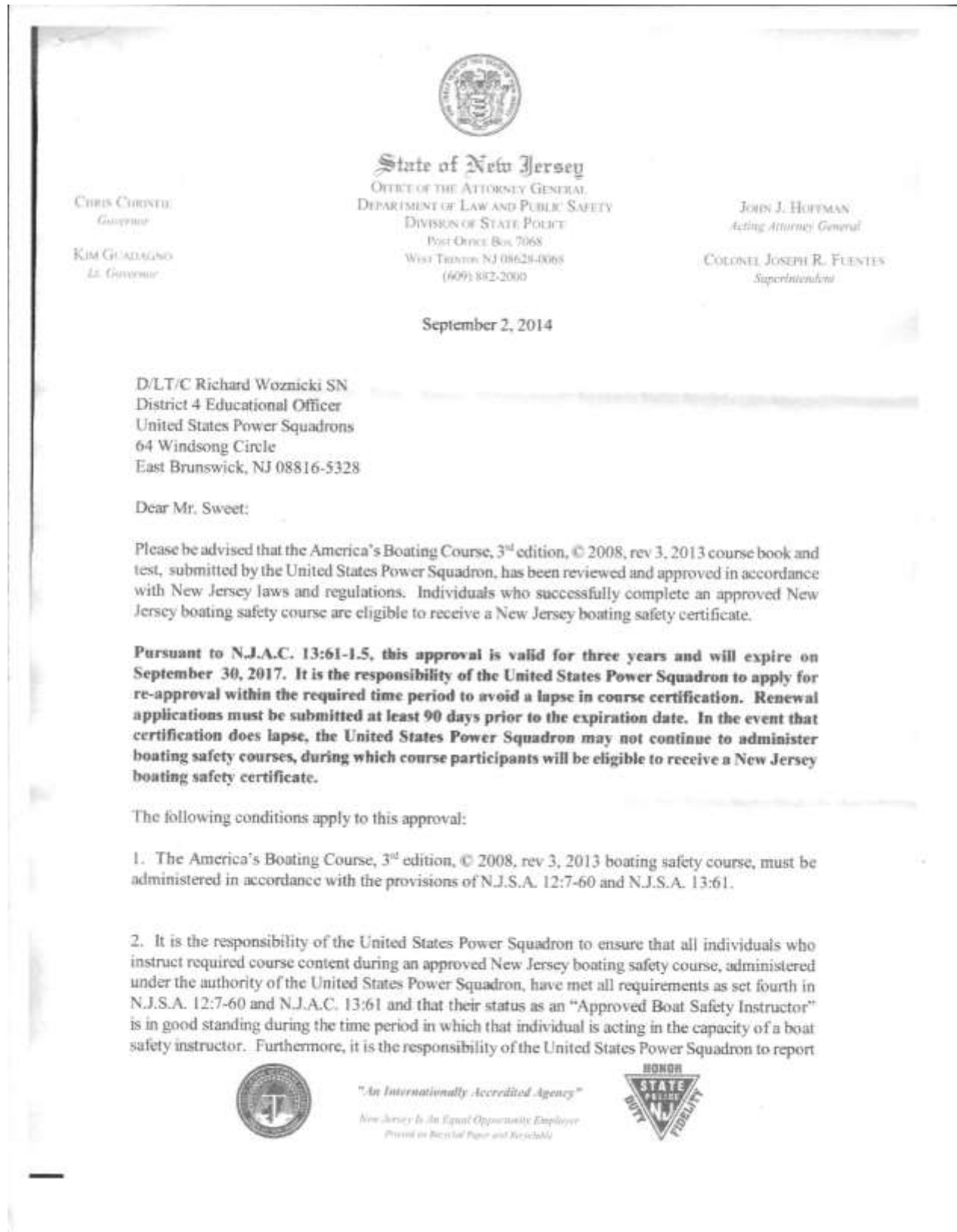
1. List of MOUs (continued)

STATE	DATE SIGNED	TERMINATION DATE	SIGNED PDF	REMARKS
Nevada	Mar. 9, 1990	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide representative to attend initial orientation workshop given by USPS every year.
New Hampshire	Mar. 8, 2004	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU with some additional requirement.
New Jersey <i>(See following attached letter)</i>	Oct. 3, 2011, reviewed Sept 2, 2014	Sept. 30, 2017, need to apply 90 days prior to prevent lapse, D/L/C Woznicki requested & received 3 yr. extension	Yes to State only	No MOU, Letter from State Police, Marine Services Bureau Chief requires USPS instructors to be New Jersey Approved Boat Safety Instructor, Approval good only for America's Boating Course, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition, ©2008, rev, 2013. The issue of a MOU is being investigated
New Mexico	n/a			None exists
New York	Jan. 1, 2010	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU with some additional requirement.
North Carolina	Oct. 24, 2005	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review every three years
North Dakota	n/a			None exists
Ohio	June 10, 2004	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU with some additional requirement, provides for annual workshops given by state
Oklahoma	May 24, 2000	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU
Oregon	Nov. 12, 1997	30 day notice	Yes	Std MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Pennsylvania	Sept. 10, 1997, no specific date, above is last date signed	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, specifically list Charles Johns as USPS Liaison
Puerto Rico	n/a			None exists
Rhode Island	Apr. 1, 2000	30 day notice	Yes	Std MOU, state to provide orientation workshop to all USPS instructors
South Carolina	May 6, 1997	30 day notice	Yes	Non-standard MOU, substantially modified to provide joint programming, requires state to have representative on site for all instruction plus more.
South Dakota	n/a			None exists
Tennessee	May 15, 2005	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, provides for periodic orientation by State, review every three years
Texas	Mar. 1, 2012	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU with some change, requires USPS instructors to also be state instructors and pass background checks, interview with game warden, etc.
Utah	Apr. 20, 2014	Apr. 20, 2019 (5 yrs.) or earlier by 30 day notice	Yes	Non-standard MOU, requires instructors to be Utah instructors. Allows USPS to "seek" approval of public boating course to meet Utah's requirements. Includes VSCs & requires vessel examiners to take an annual Utah course.
Vermont	Oct. 28, 2006	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, review every three years
Virginia	May 11, 2009	30 day notice	Yes	Non-standard, goes in the great detail about class and course requirements

1. List of MOUs (continued)

STATE	DATE SIGNED	TERMINATION DATE	SIGNED PDF	REMARKS
Washington	Dec. 11, 1997, no specific date, above is last date signed	None indicated	Yes	Std. MOU
West Virginia	July 1998, no day given	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, state to provide initial orientation to USPS instructors
Wisconsin	Sept. 15, 1995	30 day notice	Yes	Std. MOU, substantially modified to provide that State Wardens must teach 45 minutes, need to provide list of qualified instructors at least once a year, need to tell Wisconsin about a boating course at least 2 weeks in advance, collect \$1.00 fee for the State and other charges
Wyoming	Feb 24, 1999	Feb. 23, 2023 or earlier by 30 day notice	Yes	Simple MOU

## 2. Letter New Jersey





## 2. Letter New Jersey (continued)

D/LT/C Richard Woznicki, SN  
September 2, 2014  
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the name and New Jersey instructor identification number of any person acting in the capacity of a boat safety instructor, under the authority of the United States Power Squadron, to the Marine Services Bureau.

3. This approval is contingent upon the use of the New Jersey State Police, "Boating Safety Manual" or an approved New Jersey boating safety course addendum to supplement the text of America's Boating Course, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, © 2008. A copy of the Boating Safety Manual or approved course addendum must be provided to each class participant, to be used for that individual's future reference. It is the responsibility of the United States Power Squadron to supply the Boating Safety Manual or approved addendum to each class participant. The New Jersey State Police Boating Safety Manual is available via download from the New Jersey State Police web site at [www.njsp.org/maritime](http://www.njsp.org/maritime). All costs associated with acquiring the Boating Safety Manual or approved course addendum are responsibility of the United States Power Squadron.

4. Detailed instruction pertaining to New Jersey boating laws and regulations must be provided to all class participants.

5. The New Jersey "State Specific" supplemental test questions, submitted by the United States Power Squadron must be utilized in conjunction with the fifty question written exam supplied by the United States Power Squadron. All testing must be held in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 12:7-60 and N.J.S.A. 13:61.

The full text version of N.J.S.A. 12:7-60 and N.J.A.C. 13:61 are available on the New Jersey State Police web site at [www.njsp.org/maritime](http://www.njsp.org/maritime).

Thank you for your interest in our mutual endeavor of making New Jersey's waterways the safest in the nation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sgt. Christopher Jones #6456 via e-mail at [lpp6456@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lpp6456@gw.njsp.org) ([LPP6456@GW.NJSP.ORG](mailto:LPP6456@GW.NJSP.ORG)) or by phone at (609) 882-2000 extension 6173.

Sincerely,

  
A/Captain Ronald Kirby  
New Jersey State Police  
Marine Services Bureau Chief

### 3. NBF notes

## NBF – EBA Notes

### National Boating Federation

[www.n-b-f.org](http://www.n-b-f.org)

Founded in 1966 (48 yr.) Non-profit, 501 (c)(3). No commercial interests.

Largest nationwide alliance of recreational boating organizations. represents over 2,000,000 boaters.

Regular members are 23 boating associations – USPS, Coast Guard Aux. Assoc., U.S. Sailing, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Assoc., Lake Michigan Yachting Assoc., Mass. Boating & Yacht Clubs Assoc. Recreational Boating Assoc. of Washington, Sea Scouts, IBOG, Chicago Yachting Assoc., ... and others.

Promotes safe boating through education, acts as a legislative watchdog, and advocates favorable boating legislation.

Legislative Director represents NBF in D.C. at hearings, meetings, conferences, etc. NBF is heard and considered by federal agencies – USCG, NOAA, USACOE, EPA, Fish & Wildlife, and in the halls of Congress.

Officers and Directors are all volunteers with strong backgrounds in all aspects of recreational boating; testify at numerous hearings and provide written comments.

Some issues where testimony and or action taken:

Assisted in preparing the legislation to exempt small marinas from the excessive insurance requirements of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

Support full funding of "Sport Fishing & Boating Trust Fund" and advocate permanent authorization.

Support mandatory boater education & life jackets for children < 12 while underway.

Still fighting for the elimination of ethanol in marine fuels.

... many more including many regional issues...

Publish a monthly e-bulletin for use by members on current issues--

### European Boating Association (EBA)

[www.eba.eu.com](http://www.eba.eu.com)

Founded in 1982 at the suggestion of the European Union (EU).

Association of over 30 National recreational boating associations and federations.

Represents over 20 million recreational boaters before the European Commission (EC) on recreational boating issues.

**Members** – Royal Yachting Assoc. (UK), motorboat and sailing associations from: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey...

Plus - Inland Waterways International, International Lifeboat Federation, International Sailing Federation (ISAF), Nordic Boat Council, The Barge Association, Professional Yachtsman's Association... and... the

#### **National Boating Federation (NBF) (USA)**

3 functional subcommittees that interact with regional & international agencies

**Environmental** – wind farms, waste water discharge and sewage, disposal of old boats, anti-fouling materials.

**Technical** – navigation lights, safety equipment, life rafts, radios & other electronics, marine fuels, etc.

**Regulatory** – EU Maritime Policy, International Maritime Organization (IMO), maritime security, visitors taxes, harbor safety issues, International Certificate of Competency (ICC), etc.

3. NBF Notes (continued)



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**NBF Report to the European Boating Association, October 2014**

**1. 2013 Boating Accident Statistics (USCG)**

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Registered Boats*	12.0	12.2	12.4	12.7	12.7	12.9	12.7	12.7
Fatalities	560	651	758	672	736	709	685	710
Rate/100,000 Boats	4.7	5.4	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.6
Injuries	2,620	3,000	3,108	3,153	3,358	3,331	3,673	3,474
Accidents	4,062	4,575	4,588	4,604	4,730	4,789	5,191	4,967
Property Damage (mil.)	\$39	\$38	\$52	\$36	\$36	\$54	\$53	\$44

\* Primarily motorboats but includes (~900,000 non-motorized craft) in millions

- a. Registered boats have declined by almost 1 million since 2008!
- b. California and Florida (states with large year round boating) continue to have the largest number of accidents 1,111 and fatalities 85.
- c. 947 (23%) of accidents involved collisions with another vessel or object.
- d. 109 (19%) of 560 fatalities involved are canoes and kayaks (unregistered vessels).
- e. 272 (49%) of fatalities involved open motorboats.
- f. 241 (43%) of fatalities known to have had no formal instruction (7% had NASBLA approved instruction).
- g. 398 (71%) of fatalities were drownings, 86% from boats less than 26ft. (up)
- h. 328 (82%) of drownings life jackets were NOT worn.
- i. Fishing accounted for 36% of the fatalities.
- j. Alcohol use was the leading contributing factor in 17% of the fatalities (down 0.9%).

**Key observations: 1) registered boats continue to decline (down 2-3%) due to economics; 2) fatalities are down 14%, accidents down 10%, and injuries down 13%; 3) boats less than 26 ft. account for 83% of accidents; 4) operator inattention and inexperience are the top contributing factors.**

**2. General Comments.**

- a. **New Commandant U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)**, Admiral Paul F. Zukunft replaces Retired Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. who becomes U.S. leader for the Arctic Policy in the State Department.
- b. The **USCG** reports there were 73 million recreational boaters over the age of 16, **down** from previous years. The Marine Manufacturers reported recreational boating has an economic contribution of \$121.5 billion annually.
- c. **Invasive species** (Asian carp, mud-snails, milfoil, rusty crayfish, zebra mussels, etc.) continue to create problems in many areas resulting in boating restrictions, cleaning requirements, and inspections. Asian carp leaping from the water have actually injured boaters!
- d. As of 13 April 2014 the **National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** discontinued printing & distributing paper charts. Charts will be printed by certified NOAA agents, currently 14.
- e. **Future of Navigation Survey** is underway by USCG, NOAA and USACOE (US Army Corps of Engineers) due to the increased availability and reliability of e-navigation components.

### 3. NBF Notes (continued)

#### 3. National Boating Federation (NBF) – www.n-b-f.org

a. **Ethanol Addition to Gasoline.** NBF continues active opposition to ethanol addition to marine fuels, both the current 10% and the proposed 15%+, due to continued safety problems with degradation of fuel tanks and lines. The Congressional Budget Office acknowledges significant problems with Renewable Fuels Standards, the legislation behind this issue.

b. **Downloadable Brochures.** The following brochures are available on the NBF website.

1. **DSC-Digital Selective Calling – Today's SOS;** 2. **Only You Can Take the Search Out of Search and Rescue** – cell phone brochure; 3. **The Life You Save Could Be Your Own** – EPIRB/PLB

c. **National Ocean Policy** – An implementation plan is underway with regional councils. While these are in their infancy, NBF is participating to ensure that recreational boaters are represented. Representatives of the National Ocean Council and the Ocean Conservancy presented at the NBF Annual Meeting in April.

d. **Personal Flotation Devices Labeling and Standards.** NBF supports the U.S. Coast Guard proposed removal of type codes in the regulations to assist the industry in developing consensus standards, harmonization with Canada and other nations, easier understanding by recreational boaters: "Types I, II, III and Type V (with Type I, II, III performance)" become "**wearable**," "Type IV" will be considered "**throw able**" No action expected until 2016.

e. NBF continues to be represented on key US boating councils, advisory groups, and government forums.

#### 4. United States Power Squadrons (USPS) – www.usps.org

a. **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries.** USPS continued to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout 2014. The organization was founded at the Boston Yacht Club on 2 February 1914. Here on Cape Cod we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Cape Cod Canal and the Panama Canal also opened in 1914.

b. **On-water Training Program.** This program continues on two fronts; teaching and certification by USPS at various sites around the country with trailerable boats supported via a USCG grant for the fourth year, and through the individual squadron **Boat Operator Certification Programs**. USPS has also obtained a Coast Guard grant to develop and produce simulators without putting people on the water.

c. **Boating Skills Virtual Training Units.** 5 Units costing about \$15,000 each have been acquired for classroom use funded by a USCG grant. These hands-on units cover docking, departing a dock, use of spring lines, crossing/overtaking, trim control, and other maneuvers and with a night mode.

d. **General Comments.** USPS continues with its broad based educational programs from basic to offshore and celestial navigation along with many technical courses and shorter seminars. On-line courses are being offered as part of an "Educational Outreach" effort via BoatUS and Univ. of South Florida. USPS continues its partnering program with **Brunswick Corporation**, a major boat builder, through their Dealer Advantage program and 3,600 dealers to provide boat operator education.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### NEXT Meetings.

**National Boating Federation** - Exec. Committee – 18 October 2014, Bar Harbor, ME

- Annual Meeting – April 2015, TBD

**U.S. Power Squadrons**

- Annual Meeting – 18-25 Jan. 2015, Jacksonville, FL

- Governing Board – 30 Aug. - 6 Sept. 2015, San Diego, CA

#### 4. List of state legislation activity

4. Summary of NRBS Coalition report prepared by Tom O'Day, 5. Summarized by D/1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Ralph J. Ziegler, JN, Secretary, GPRCom, USPS 6. Sept 24, 2014			
STATE	Boater Education Required	Life Jacket Use	Legislative Action
Alabama	4/28/1954	= or < 8 yrs.	H.B.24 – RAISE TO 13 YRS. (died)
Alaska	No	= or < 13 yrs.	No Activity
Arizona	No	= or < 12 yrs.	Grassroots activity to require boating education
Arkansas	1/1/1986	= or < 13 yrs.	No Activity
California	No	= or < 13 yrs.	SB 941- mandatory education in process
Colorado	15 & under	= or < 13 yrs.	No Activity
Connecticut	All ages	= or < 12 yrs.	Operating boats with electric motors (less than 10 HP or 106 LB of thrust) 1 hr. before sunrise or 1 hr. after sunset not covered
Delaware	1/1/1978	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Dist. of Columbia	All ages	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Florida	1/1/1988	= or < 6 yrs.	No Activity
Georgia	1/1/1988	= or < 13 yrs.	HB 777 – can suspend boat operators who suspended by other states
Hawaii	All ages – as of 11/10/14	= or < 13 yrs.	Applies to all operators of 10 HP or more
Idaho	No*	= or < 14 yrs.	*PWC rental, boaters who repeat offenses, or BUI
Illinois	= or < 17 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	SB3433 – exclude operating of electric motors & on inland lakes; overloading issue-those being towed considered as part of passengers; PFD optional for shells, canoes, or kayaks involved in racing; operators involved in personal injury or fatal accidents will be required to submit to a breath or urine test.
Indiana	= or < 15 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Iowa	= or < 17 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Kansas	1/1/1989	= or < 12 yrs.	Property tax on boats reduced from 30% to 15% for 2014, 5% in 2015.
Kentucky	= or < 17 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	Reasonable & articulate suspicion before stopping a boat
Louisiana	1/1/1984	= or < 16 yrs.	No Activity
Maine	No	= or < 10 yrs.	No Activity
Maryland	7/1/1972	= or < 13 yrs.	SB 94 – regarding BUI/OUI, did not get out of committee
Massachusetts	= or < 15 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	Number of bills relating to boating education, kayak & jetski safety, BUI, expanding recreation boating to Boston Harbor, boating registration.
Michigan	6/1/1996	= or < 6 yrs.	No Activity
Minnesota	= or < 17 yrs.	= or < 10 yrs.	Change for impaired driving for vehicular homicide, funding of Aquatic invasive species prevention
Mississippi	6/30/1980	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Missouri	1/1/1984	= or < 7 yrs.	Amend temporary permit to wave boater education card to Missouri resident not just non-residents for boat rental or purchasers.
Montana	= or < 14 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Nebraska	12/31/1985	= or < 13 yrs.	No boating fatalities in 2014, a first, normal 5/yr. before 2013
Nevada	1/1/1983	= or < 13 yrs.	No Activity
New Hampshire	All ages	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
New Jersey	All Ages	= or < 12 yrs.	SB 504 – enhanced penalty for leaving scene of boating accident
New Mexico	1/1/1989	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
North Carolina	= or < 26 yrs.	= or < 13 yrs.	OUI is Class 2 misdemeanor, prohibits abandonment of boats in navigable waters.

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North Dakota	= or < 15 yrs.	= or < 10 yrs.	HB 1141 – 16 yrs. or older to windsurf or sailboard without PFD, not allow individual to tow a waterskier, surfboarder, other from 1 hr. after sunset to 1 hr. before sunrise; allow wide angle rear view mirror to replace on observer while towing. .
Ohio	1/1/1982	= or < 10 yrs.	HB 372 – allow mirrors to replace observer for towed water activities, SB 291 – establish committee to study funding for maritime ports
Oklahoma	= or < 15 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Oregon	All ages	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Pennsylvania	1/1/1982	= or < 12 yrs.	HB 544 – Recreation Use of Land & Water, change in scope to legal protection of certain fishing & boating related improvements.
Rhode Island	1/1/1986	= or < 13 yrs.	No Activity
South Carolina	= or < 16 yrs.	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
South Dakota	No	= or < 7 yrs.	SB 60 – regards titling & licensing boats, cars and penalties.
Tennessee	1/1/1989	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Texas	9/1/1993	= or < 13 yrs.	No Activity
Utah	PWC only	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Vermont	1/1/1974	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Virginia	All age by 7/1/2017	None	HB 650 & SB 52 – exempt boaters 45 yrs. Of age with valid boat registration from boat safety education, passed bills vetoed in part by Gov., line veto overturned, gov. vetoed entire proposal.
Washington	All ages	= or < 12 yrs.	SB 6014 – changes to implied consent for blood draws
West Virginia	12/31/1986	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity
Wisconsin	1/1/1989	None	SB162 & AB 219 to require life jackets for 10? or 12 yrs. & under
Wyoming	No	= or < 12 yrs.	No Activity

### 5. Example MARPOL decal

The discharge of all garbage, most importantly all forms of plastic, is prohibited into the navigable waters of the United States and into all other waters except as specifically allowed below. A person who violates these requirements is liable for civil and/or criminal penalties.

<p>Within 3 nautical miles of land</p> <p>Discharge of all garbage is prohibited.</p>	<p>3 to 12 nautical miles from land</p> <p><u>Permitted</u> Ground food waste that is able to pass through a screen with openings no larger than 1 inch.</p>	<p>12 or more nautical miles from land</p> <p><u>Permitted</u> Food waste. Wash water and cleaning agents may be discharged en route as far as practicable from shore if not harmful to the marine environment.</p>
<p>MARPOL Annex V Special Area    Wider Caribbean Region (Gulf of Mexico &amp; Caribbean Sea)</p> <p>← Discharge of all garbage prohibited out to 12 nm →    ← Food waste must be ground →</p>		

Regional, state, and local restrictions on garbage discharges also may apply.