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Dear Admiral Day:

The National Boating Federation, representing over 2,000,000 recreational boaters nationwide, supports the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2010. We especially support the requirement that the Coast Guard study the need for a back-up system for the Global Positioning System.

The report of the National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing, dated 14 Jun 2011, illustrates the urgent need for a back-up. This report showed the vulnerability of the Global Positioning System to incidental, harmful interference associated with the proposed system operation from LightSquared Subsidiary, LLC. One can readily postulate that deliberate interference has the potential to affect the Global Positioning System in a similar manner.

Therefore, on behalf of the recreational boating community, the National Boating Federation urges the Coast Guard to apply all reasonable speed in its study to find a viable back-up for the Global Positioning System.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Poppe  
President