

## Memorandum of Understanding

### National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

and the

### National Boating Federation

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (hereafter referred to as "NASBLA") and the National Boating Federation (hereafter referred to as "NBF").

WHEREAS, NASBLA is a national, non-profit association of state officials responsible for the development and implementation of state boating programs; and

WHEREAS, NBF is a national, non-profit, (501 (c) 3) volunteer organization monitoring and advocating issues of significance to the recreational boating community representing more than two million American boaters; and

WHEREAS, both organizations desire to form a covenant of mutual cooperation and collaboration in support of education, legislation and conservation objectives for the benefit of the boating public throughout the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and in furtherance of the mutual goals and premises hereof and the conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- I. NASBLA and NBF will work to support each organization's respective missions:
  - A) *NASBLA's mission is to strengthen the ability of the state and territorial boating authorities to reduce death, injury and property damage associated with recreational boating and ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable boating environment.*

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators accomplishes its mission by:

- Providing national leadership and advocacy to focus policies and resources on reducing risks in recreational boating and in waterway security.
- Providing models and standards that foster best practices and uniformity among the states and territories.
- Providing professional development opportunities and other products and services that benefit members.
- Identifying and employing the highest professional standards and best practices in governing, administering and measuring the performance of the association.

B) *NBF's mission is to represent more than two million American boaters, promote safe boating, to serve as a legislative watchdog and to advocate favorable boating legislation by:*

- Encouraging effective programs of education and research, and rendering assistance to the members of NBF in the achievement of these objectives
- Representing, promoting, and protecting boating and related recreational activities and the interests of recreational boaters at the national level.
- Encouraging programs of development and conservation of water resources, disseminating information concerning such programs, and assisting the members of the federation to plan and to support such programs.
- Providing a medium for the exchange of boating information; striving for unanimity among recreational boaters through their national, regional, and local associations; providing a responsible voice in all matters affecting their interest; and encouraging boaters to organize into national, regional, or local associations for stronger, more effective representation.
- Acting as a liaison among boaters, boating organizations, and federal and state agencies.

II. NASBLA and NBF will work cooperatively to identify opportunities to strengthen both national and local collaborative efforts including fostering mutual support for NASBLA and NBF programs.

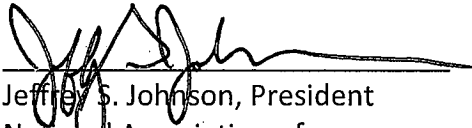
III. NASBLA and NBF will explore, and when appropriate, jointly pursue projects mutually determined to be beneficial to recreational boaters. The parties will work cooperatively to ensure that programs sponsored by both organizations benefit recreational boaters.

- IV. NASBLA and NBF will work together in identifying and developing advocacy opportunities on topics including, but not limited to education, safety, conservation, waterways management, homeland security, enforcement and funding for state recreational boating safety programs.
- V. NASBLA and NBF will strive to maintain routine communications between each organization's volunteer leaders and staff to promptly address concerns that may arise on boating safety and homeland security issues and to keep each organization well-informed of policies, priorities, actions and other developments that might impact the parties' relationship and/or their ability to support the broader boating safety agenda. These routine communications may include a standing invitation for each party to send a representative to attend the other organization's respective governing committee or board meetings, but does not preclude the possibility of special (member only) executive sessions.
- VI. The presidents of NASBLA and NBF shall coordinate the participation of their respective organizations on appropriate committees including NASBLA's Education and Waterways Management committees, as well as appropriate NBF committees.
- VII. In consideration of each organization's willingness to provide complementary or, honorary annual membership benefits to the other party, NASBLA and NBF agree to waive the respective membership and meeting registration fees associated with their president or their designated representative's respective participation at the national level.
- VIII. This agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the signatory parties and does not confer any benefit or right of any type or nature on any third party.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon its signing and will remain in effect unless terminated by written notice by either party. This understanding does not constitute a legal or binding agreement between or among the parties and/or their authorized representatives. This mutual pledge of support does not commit, bind, or obligate either party to participate in any relationship that involves corporate sponsorships and/or a commercial entity, with the exercise of these options left to each organization's respective governing bodies. Either party may request modifications or amendments to this agreement for amendment at any time by written notice.

Executed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.

  
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