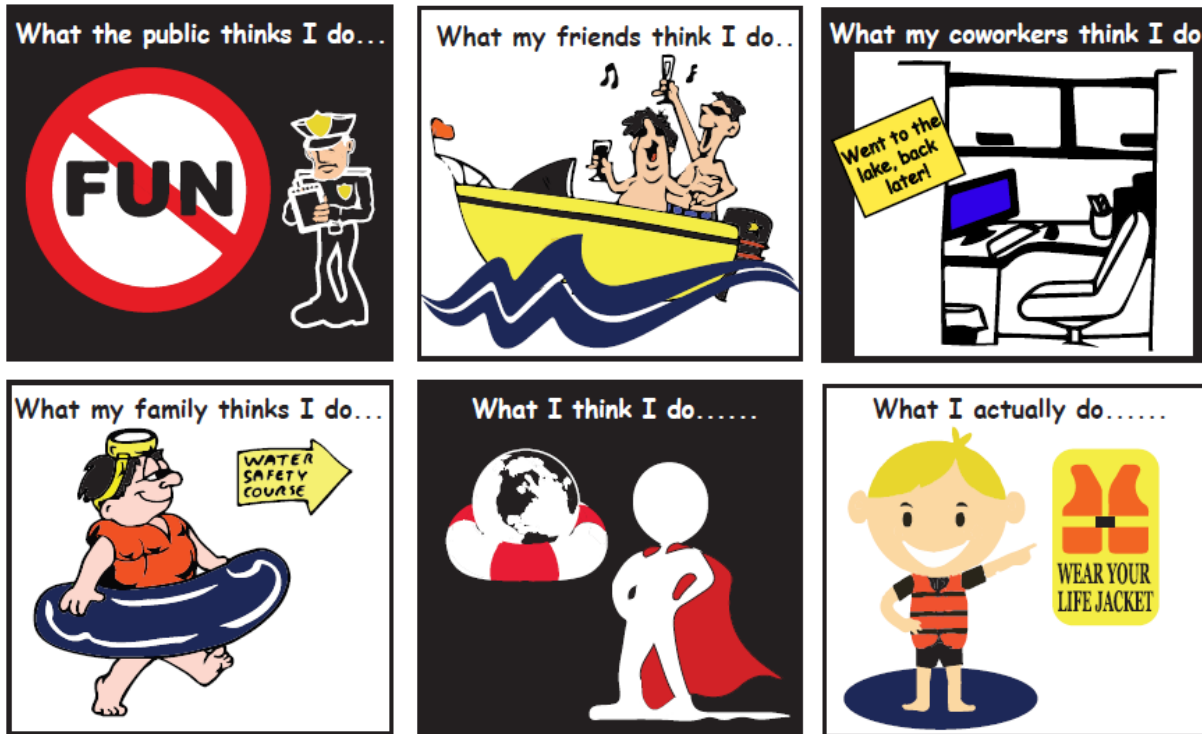


A Career in Boating Safety....



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2018 Boating Education Coordinator Quick Reference Guide



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Acronyms Abound!

Use this list to decode what we are saying.

Acronym	Definition
AAMVA	American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators
ABA	American Bar Association
ABYC	American Boat & Yacht Council
ACA	American Canoe Association
ACBS	Antique and Classic Boat Society
AFWA	Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
AIS	Automatic Identification System or Aquatic Invasive Species
ALAB	American League of Anglers & Boaters
ANS	Aquatic Nuisance Species
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ASA	American Sailing Association
ASJ	American Sailing Journal
BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration
BAIRAC	Boating Accident, Investigation, Reporting, & Analysis Committee
BAR	Boating Accident Report
BARD	Boating Accident Report Database
BARD-I	Boating Accident Report Database- Internet (<i>also known as BARD-web</i>)
BEAP	Boating Education Advisory Panel
BEST	Foundation for Boater Education and Safety
BLA	Boating Law Administrator
BSAC	National Boating Safety Advisory Council (<i>it is really NSBAC</i>)
BUI	Boating Under the Influence
CAW	Center for Asymmetric Warfare
CCG	Canadian Coast Guard
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CPSC	Consumer Product Safety Commission
CPSS	Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
CSBC	Canadian Safe Boating Council
CSG	Council of State Governments
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPIRB	Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
ERAC	Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee
FLETC	Federal Law Enforcement Training Center



HELP	Heat Escape Lessening Position
HIN	Hull Identification Number
IAMI	International Association of Marine Investigators
IBWSS	International Boating & Water Safety Summit <i>(also known as the Summit)</i>
ISO	International Standards Organization
JSI	John Snow, Inc. (Coast Guard contractor)
LE	Law Enforcement
LCRA	Lower Colorado River Authority
MDA	Maritime Domain Awareness
MLA	Maritime Law Association
MLEO	Marine Law Enforcement Officer
MOAA	Marina Operators Association of America
MOE	Measures Of Effectiveness
MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
MPOC	Marine Patrol Officer Course
MRAA	Marine Retailers Association of America
MSD	Marine Sanitation Device
MVTIS	National Motor Vehicle Title Information System
NASBLA	National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
NAVSAC	Navigation Safety Advisory Council
NBF	National Boating Federation
NBSAC	National Boating Safety Advisory Council <i>(pronounced as BSAC)</i>
NCMPS	National Center for Maritime & Port Security
NCCUSL	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
NMMA	National Marine Manufacturers Association
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPS	National Park Service
NRBSC	National Recreational Boating Safety Coalition
NSA	National Sheriffs Association
NSBC	National Safe Boating Council
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
NVDC	National Vessel Documentation Center
NWSC	National Water Safety Congress
OUI	Operating Under the Influence <i>(also Boating While Intoxicated or BWI)</i>
PFD	Personal Flotation Device
PFDMA	Personal Flotation Device Manufacturers Assoc. <i>(now Life Jacket Assoc.)</i>

PIANC	Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (now International Navigation Association)
PPA	Professional Paddlesports Association (<i>merged under America Outdoors</i>)
PSA	Public Service Announcement
PWC	Personal Watercraft
PWIA	Personal Watercraft Industry Association
RBFF	Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation
RBS	Recreational Boating Safety
RPBA	Recreational Powerboating Association
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
SNPRM	Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
SOBA	States Organization for Boating Access
SPIN	Stop Propeller Injuries Now
SSBLAA	Southern States Boating Law Administrators Association
SSN	Social Security Number
STP	Standards Technical Panel
TSAC	Towing Safety Advisory Council
UL	Underwriters Laboratories
USACE	United States Army Corp of Engineers
USATONS	United States Aids to Navigation
USCA	United States Canoe Association
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USCG-A	United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
USCG-AUX	United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
USPS	United States Power Squadrons
USWMS	Uniform State Waterway Marking System
VDS	Visual Distress Signal
VHF	Very High Frequency (for radio communications)
VIRT	Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee
VIS	Vessel Identification System
VTs	Vessel Traffic Services
WSBAA	Western States Boating Administrators Association

American Canoe Association (ACA)

Founded in 1880, the American Canoe Association (ACA) is a national nonprofit organization serving the broader paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling; stewardship support to help protect paddling environments; and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesport competition, exploration and recreation. The ACA serves as the National Governing Body for the sport of paddling.

<http://www.americancanoe.org>

Boating Law Administrators (BLAs)

WHAT IS A BLA?

BLAs are the state officials responsible for administration and enforcement of state boating laws. BLAs reflect their state/agency and its mission(s). They range from field officers to chief executives of entire departments.



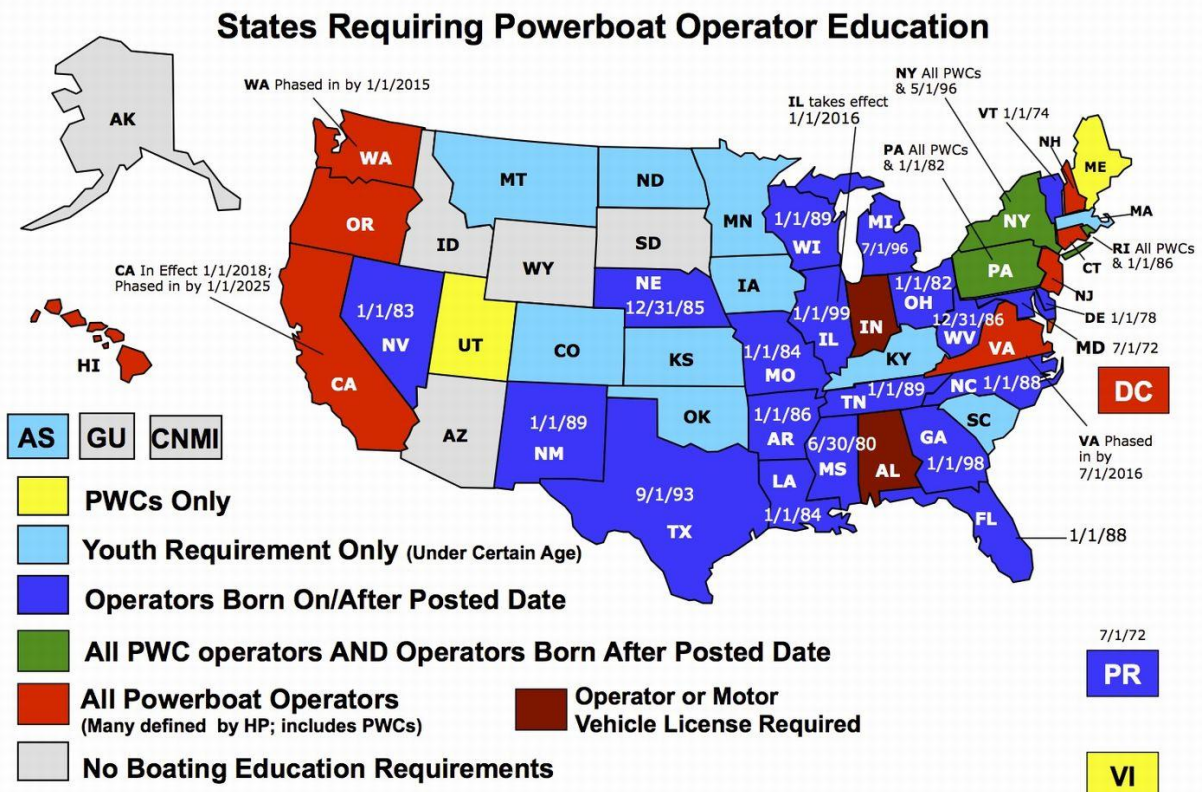
Contacts

Use this link to keep in touch with other state boating program contacts including education coordinators.

<https://www.nasbla.org/about-nasbla/boating-contacts>

Maps

MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION – additional information posted at <https://www.nasbla.org/education/mandatory-education>



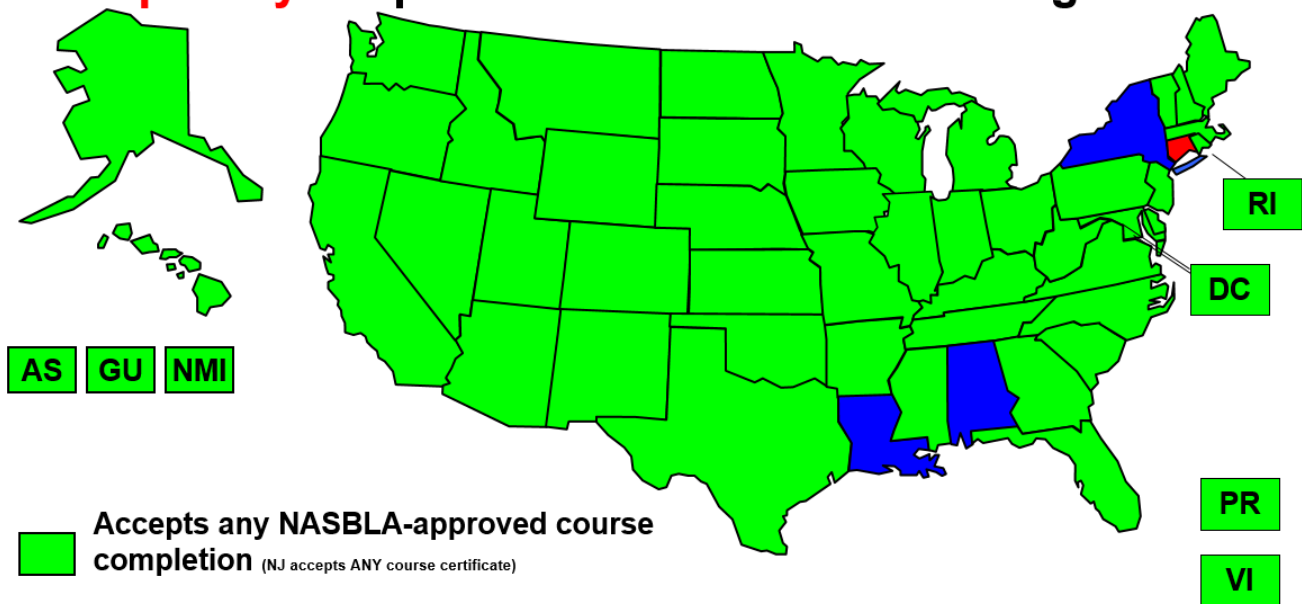
NOTE: This map is a generalized illustration of boater education requirements by state. Content is based on the NASBLA 2014 survey to members. Many states have limitations or exemptions not reflected in this illustration. Contact the state boating law administrator for specific requirements.

May 20, 2015

Maps

RECIPROCITY – additional information at [Historical map with boating education cards](#)

States' Boating Education Card and Course Reciprocity Requirements for ADULT Visiting Boaters



April 22, 2017

Note: Unique state education requirements may apply to different age operators, boat types, or horsepower limits.

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

NASBLA is a national nonprofit organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. NASBLA represents the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

NASBLA is governed by an Executive Board consisting of the president, vice president, treasurer, three members-at-large and the immediate past president. Each member is passionate about boating safety and is using his or her term in office as an opportunity to help further NASBLA's mission in support of safe, enjoyable and secure boating.

<http://www.nasbla.org/>

NASBLA 2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD - <https://www.nasbla.org/about-nasbla/board>

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BOAT OPERATIONS AND TRAINING (BOAT) PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

Created in 2011, the BOAT Program Advisory Board is charged with providing stakeholder input, to audit and make recommendations to the NASBLA BOAT Program Director for potential modifications and enhancements to the BOAT Program, and to further NASBLA's efforts to provide professional delivery of nationally standardized training.

Boat Operations and Training - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/boat-advisory-board>

CERTIFIED RECREATIONAL BOATING PROFESSIONAL (CRBP)

The Certified Recreational Boating Professional (CRBP) certification is a voluntary credential for recreational boating professionals being developed by NASBLA. The credential is broad-based and addresses boating professionals' knowledge, performance and career achievements in the identified program domains and encompasses the boating program. Individuals who wish to pursue the credential must meet program eligibility requirements and pass various examinations and evaluation processes.



Certified Recreational Boating Professional - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/recreational-boating-professional>

NASBLA COMMITTEES

NASBLA employs a committee structure to identify issues and address needs in the recreational boating safety public policy realm. NASBLA's committees function as the primary source, sounding board and national policy-setting forum for each of the significant program areas addressed in the National Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan. These committees develop best management practices, model procedures, model acts, position papers and other products.

The committees also play an important role with respect to shaping a national response to a given challenge, problem or issue. Some issues impacting boating safety and security are resolved simply through open discussion and the exchange of ideas and experience. On the other end of the spectrum, more entrenched or long-term challenges may ultimately require a statutory or regulatory response to effect the desired outcome. NASBLA committees help the Coast Guard and other policymakers determine the appropriate response.

In addition to the state boating agency members, the committees include broad representation from recreational boating professionals throughout the boating industry, the nonprofit sector, international interests, the boating public, and federal and local agencies.

NASBLA Committees - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/committees>

EDUCATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Education & Awareness Committee works to advance boating safety by maintaining and updating the National Boating Education Standards; developing a database to record instances of successful boating safety course completions; developing recommendations based on best practices for the states to implement; and creating a library of state marketing campaigns and outreach materials for other states to use.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Education and Outreach Committee will provide guidance, support, and expertise to advance boating safety and develop national education and outreach program recommendations.

Program recommendations will:

- Advance the strategic plans of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program and NASBLA;
- Incorporate best practices and current research;
- Support the implementation of national standards for boating education;
- Identify effective innovations in education and outreach;
- Develop communication strategies using targeted marketing and educational tactics; and
- Connect the public, member organizations and stakeholders with the products of the committee and others.

Education and Outreach Committee members are assembled into project teams, taking the lead on specific, assigned charges in four categories, and completing significant monitoring and resource activities. The bulk of committee activities are conducted online and via teleconference.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

- Marketing and Outreach

- Policy & Best Practices
- Program Administration

Education and Outreach Committee – <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/education-outreach>

ENFORCEMENT & TRAINING COMMITTEE

This committee works to advance boating safety by researching and disseminating information on new techniques and technologies for marine law enforcement officers; developing training and certification programs; and promoting reciprocity through the advancement of uniform boating laws nationwide.

Subcommittees:

- Enforcement Techniques & Technology
- Training and Certification

Enforcement and Training Committee - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/enforcement>

ENGINEERING, REPORTING & ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

As one of NASBLA's policy committees, **ERAC** identifies, evaluates, and analyzes recreational boating data and other related information that can shed light on factors associated with boating accidents; be used to inform the development of state- and national-level safety policies, programs and campaigns; and, ultimately, be used to measure their effectiveness.

To ensure the results of boating accident research and analyses are valid and reliable, ERAC also actively seeks ways to advance the quality, relevance, accuracy, consistency, applicability, and completeness of the data and information.

Engineering, Reporting & Analysis - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/erac>

PADDLESPOrts COMMITTEE

NASBLA's Paddlesports Committee provides a venue for a diverse group of stakeholders to engage with NASBLA members in productive dialogue to find actionable opportunities to partner and promote paddlesports while growing a culture of safety across the United States so that over time the incidence of accident and injuries declines even while participation increases.

The Committee strives to develop recommendations and work products to the NASBLA membership based on the best data available and professional judgment of its diverse members.

Paddlesports Committee - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/paddlesports>

VESSEL IDENTIFICATION, REGISTRATION & TITLING COMMITTEE

Recognizing that accurate vessel information is the backbone of recreational boating safety data, the Vessel Identification, Reporting & Titling Committee will work to advance boating safety by analyzing and advocating for thorough and precise vessel identification throughout a vessel's chain of ownership from the hull numbering to registration to titling.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

- Numbering and Titling
- Vessel Identification System (VIS) Coordination and Implementation

Vessel Identification, Registration and Titling - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/vessel-id-registration>

NASBLA CONNECT

Build Community and connect with your colleagues. Enter a place for knowledge, exchange, content curation, idea incubation and professional networking.

Connect

NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS PANEL

The National Boating Education Standards, originally adopted by the NASBLA membership in 1999, are intended to prescribe the minimum body of knowledge to effect safe, legal, and enjoyable recreational boating and to serve as a basis for boating education courses approved by NASBLA and recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. The process for development of American National Standards is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). NASBLA was recognized as an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer in 2014.

Education Standards Panel – <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/national-education-standards>

EZ-ESP Website - <https://esp.nasbla.org/esp/>

National Boating Education Standards - <https://www.nasbla.org/nasblamain/education/national-education-standards>

Recognized by the American National Standards Institute as American National Standards:

[ANSI/NASBLA 101-2017: Basic Boating Knowledge – Human Propelled](#) - American National Standard, effective Sep. 28, 2017.

[ANSI/NASBLA 103-2016: Basic Boating Knowledge - Power](#) - American National Standard, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

[ANSI/NASBLA 102-2017: Basic Boating Knowledge - Sail](#) - American National Standard, effective Feb. 24, 2017

GRANTS

NASBLA receives grant funding from the [Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund](#), administered by the U.S. Coast Guard, for national boating safety activities of national nonprofit public service organizations.

Grants - <https://www.nasbla.org/about-nasbla/grants>

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The NASBLA Leadership Academy is designed to create learning opportunities where participants experience events with others, actively participate in dialogue, visually see examples and connect with peers as a cohort learning.

This program seeks to develop a broad understanding of our diverse community while offering unparalleled opportunity to interact with other new BLAs and those in leadership roles from a wide variety of backgrounds. NASBLA Leadership Academy graduates will be well-prepared for service and leadership within their state, NASBLA and the National Recreational Boating Safety Community.

Leadership Academy - <https://www.nasbla.org/events/leadership-academy>

NASBLA APPROVED BOATING COURSES

All courses with NASBLA approval including approved thru dates. Several ways to narrow search by using the search function.

Approved Boating Courses - <https://www.nasbla.org/education/approved-boating-courses>

NASBLA AWARDS

Do you know a leader who is embracing the challenges facing recreational boating safety and enforcement, who isn't afraid to take chances and who is making an impact on recreational boating safety? Those are the types of people we're looking for the NASBLA Award program

Awards - <https://www.nasbla.org/about-nasbla/awards>

NASBLA WEEKLY

[NASBLA Weekly](#) is a weekly electronic newsletter. Each issue contains updates about NASBLA, information about recreational boating safety and maritime law enforcement, as well as recently published articles relevant to our members.

In addition, organizations and businesses can purchase advertising space on NASBLA Weekly. We hope you look forward to receiving your NASBLA Weekly for up-to-date and informative articles and relevant briefings. To subscribe to NASBLA Weekly, visit <http://multibriefs.com/optin.php?nasbla>.

RBS DASHBOARD

The Recreational Boating Safety Dashboard is being developed under USCG grant funding. Dashboards are interactive and cover a variety of national and state data. New dashboards will be posted as they become available.

RBS Dashboards (general link) - <https://www.nasbla.org/ideashboard>

Current Dashboards include:

[NASBLA Certification Data](#)

[Education Requirements Dashboard](#)

[Accident Dashboard Data](#)

[Life Jacket Regulations](#)

[Seasonal Wear Rates](#)

SEAL OF SAFE BOATING

The Seal of Safe Boating Practices recognizes boating media that adhere to the highest standards in quality boating safety information. NASBLA feels it is important to provide recognition and endorsement for worthy boating publications, videos, CD ROMs, brochures and other media. Due to the nature of the products, boating safety courses are not eligible for the Seal of Safe Boating Practices.

Seal of Safe Boating - <https://www.nasbla.org/education/seal>

STATE BOATING LAWS

The Reference Guide to State Boating Laws answers a number of questions related to recreational boating safety public law. Topics covered include boating education, operator age, water skiing, boat noise, numbering & titling, personal watercraft, boating under the influence, personal flotation devices and more.

State Boating Laws - <https://www.nasbla.org/advocacy/new-item>

National Safe Boating Council

The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) was organized in September 1958 under the name National Safe Boating Committee. Our mission is to be the foremost coalition to advance and promote a safer recreational boating experience through education, outreach and training. The NSBC presently has a membership of over 330 U.S. and Canadian organizations, all with an interest in boating safety and education. The NSBC membership is diverse, with approximately 65% of the membership being nonprofit organizations and 35% being for-profit organizations.

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>

National Water Safety Congress

The National Water Safety Congress is committed to continuing their leadership role in advancing the promotion of education for the safety of recreational water activities throughout the United States, and internationally, by addressing water related recreational accidents and drownings throughout the nation on private and public recreational water resources.

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/>

Personal Watercraft Industry Association

The Personal Watercraft Industry Association (PWIA) was founded in 1987 to represent U.S. personal watercraft (PWC) manufacturers and to promote the safe, responsible operation of the vessels. PWIA provides a unified voice for the segment, representing the interests of PWC manufacturers in legislative and regulatory concerns.

<http://www.pwia.org/>

Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation

RBFF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase participation in recreational angling and boating, thereby protecting and restoring the nation's aquatic natural resources.

<http://www.takemefishing.org>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Deliver vital public and military engineering services; partnering in peace and war to strengthen our Nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters.

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

U.S. Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790 the Coast Guard has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests and environment around the world. The Coast Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our rivers, in the ports, littoral regions and on the high seas. Coast Guard presence and impact is local, regional, national and international. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship.

<http://www.uscg.mil/>

The USCG Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety is the primary office administering state recreational boating safety program efforts. Contacts are updated at <https://www.nasbla.org/about-nasbla/uscg-directory>. The Office maintains a website for the recreational boating community at <http://uscgboating.org/>.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Established by Congress in 1939 under [title 14, §§ 23](#) of the U.S. Code, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is Semper Paratus (Always Ready). We invite you to explore our site and learn more about who we are and what we do to be "Semper Paratus."

The Auxiliary operates in:

- Safety and Security Patrols
- Search and Rescue
- Mass Casualty or Disasters
- Pollution Response & Patrols
- Homeland Security
- Recreational Boating Safety

- Commercial Fishing and Vessel Exams
- Platforms for Boarding Parties
- Recruit for all service in the Coast Guard

In addition to the above, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary operates in any mission as directed by the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard or Secretary of Homeland Security.

<http://www.cgaux.org/>

U.S. Power Squadrons

The United States Power Squadrons® is the world's largest recreational boating organization with more than 35,000 members. For more than 100 years, we have worked to make the water a safer place through boating education, civic service and fellowship. With the United States Power Squadrons®, you can improve your boating skills and knowledge online, in the classroom with certified instructors, or outdoors with hands-on training. By joining America's premier boating organization, you can have fun with other boaters on the water and on land!

<http://www.usps.org/>

U.S. Sailing

US Sailing was originally organized as the North American Yacht Racing Union (NAYRU) on October 30, 1897. As the National Governing Body for the sport of sailing, US Sailing's mission is to provide leadership for the sport of sailing in the United States. The organization works to achieve this mission through a wide range of programs and events, geared towards providing an equal level playing field for all sailors. US Sailing sets the course enabling sailors to enjoy the sport for a lifetime.

<http://www.ussailing.org>
