

55th NASBLA Annual Conference
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To All NASBLA Annual Conference Attendees:

Welcome to Maine and the beautiful rockbound coast of Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor. It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to share with you the hospitality and beauty of our great state.

Maine has over 5,000 miles of coastline and offshore islands that provide opportunities for visitors, from sightseeing excursions and whale watching to visiting Cadillac Mountain, which is the highest point along the North Atlantic seaboard. Inland, the state boasts approximately 6,000 lakes and ponds that provide an unmatched recreational resource for fishing, swimming, canoeing, and boating. Maine also provides quiet places of raw beauty.

In Maine, we have an annual average of 120,000 registered boats and countless numbers of paddlecraft used all over the state. These figures do not include the vast number of boaters from across the nation that flock to Maine waters to enjoy our unique boating opportunities.

On behalf of Governor Paul R. LePage, Colonel Joel Wilkinson and Major Jon Cornish, co-BLAs from the State of Maine, as well as the great citizens of Maine, we would like to thank NASBLA for allowing Maine to host the 2014 annual conference. I hope each of you will take full advantage of this opportunity to participate in and attend the programs and presentations during the next few days.

While in Bar Harbor, we encourage you to explore the quaint village of Bar Harbor, scenic Acadia National Park, as well as Mount Desert Island to fully appreciate the State of Maine. Should you have any questions about the area, or in general, please contact the info line at 207.399.2280 or one of the numerous staff from the two agencies that are co-hosting the conference.

Again, welcome to all of the attendees of the 55th Annual Conference of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Sincerely,

Joel T. Wilkinson

Maine's Inland Boating Law Administrator

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Maine's Coastal Boating Law Administrator



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October 16, 2014

To All NASBLA Annual Conference Participants:

Welcome to Bar Harbor, Maine. This picturesque seaside town offers the perfect location for the 55th Annual Conference of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Your attendance is very much appreciated, and I know that the time you spend here over the next few days will be time well invested. We have a great conference planned for you!

The topics covered this year are important to you and your dedicated work as law enforcement officers, boating safety educators, and boating safety professionals. From the opening sessions to the general and breakout sessions, there is something planned for everyone. I hope that you will learn a lot and take home new ideas to implement in your own programs. I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities to connect and learn from this network of professionals.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and the Maine Department of Marine Resources along with NASBLA staff have worked hard to ensure that the time you are here is both enjoyable and informative. We hope that at the conclusion of this conference you will have refreshed and renewed thoughts and ideas, as well as useful new products and programs to take back with you to your state and boating safety program.

I would like to thank you for the unique opportunity to serve as your president this past year. It has been a very busy yet productive and rewarding year, and I am truly proud and honored to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I applaud the membership of NASBLA for their professionalism and dedication to our national mission. Together, we will continue to ensure a safe, secure boating environment by achieving our goals of providing educational opportunities to reduce boating accidents and injuries.

I hope you have a wonderful and inspiring conference and enjoy your time in Bar Harbor. If there is anything that you need while attending the conference, please do not hesitate to call on me, the NASBLA staff or the Executive Board.

Sincerely,

Herb Angell President



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The average high temperature in Bar Harbor is 57°F in October, with the evenings cooling to around 38°F. Keep in mind that the conference and meetings rooms can be quite cool, so a sweater or jacket is recommended.

Thursday Evening

Opening Ceremonies & President's Reception Business attire is requested.

The President's Reception will be held outside in a heated tent enclosure.

Saturday

NASBLA Business Meeting & Awards Banquet Business casual attire is requested.

The Awards Banquet will be held in a heated tent enclosure.

Dress for all other meetings and sessions is casual. One presentation room is accessed from outside the main conference building, so attendees will walk outside to access this room.

Shuttles for conference attendees

Hotel/Conference Center Shuttle Schedule

Shuttle will run continually between the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel and the Harborside Conference Center.

Tuesday: 4:00 pm-12:30 am

Wednesday – Sunday: 6:30 am–12:30 am

Shuttle between Airport and Hotels:

For Arrivals:

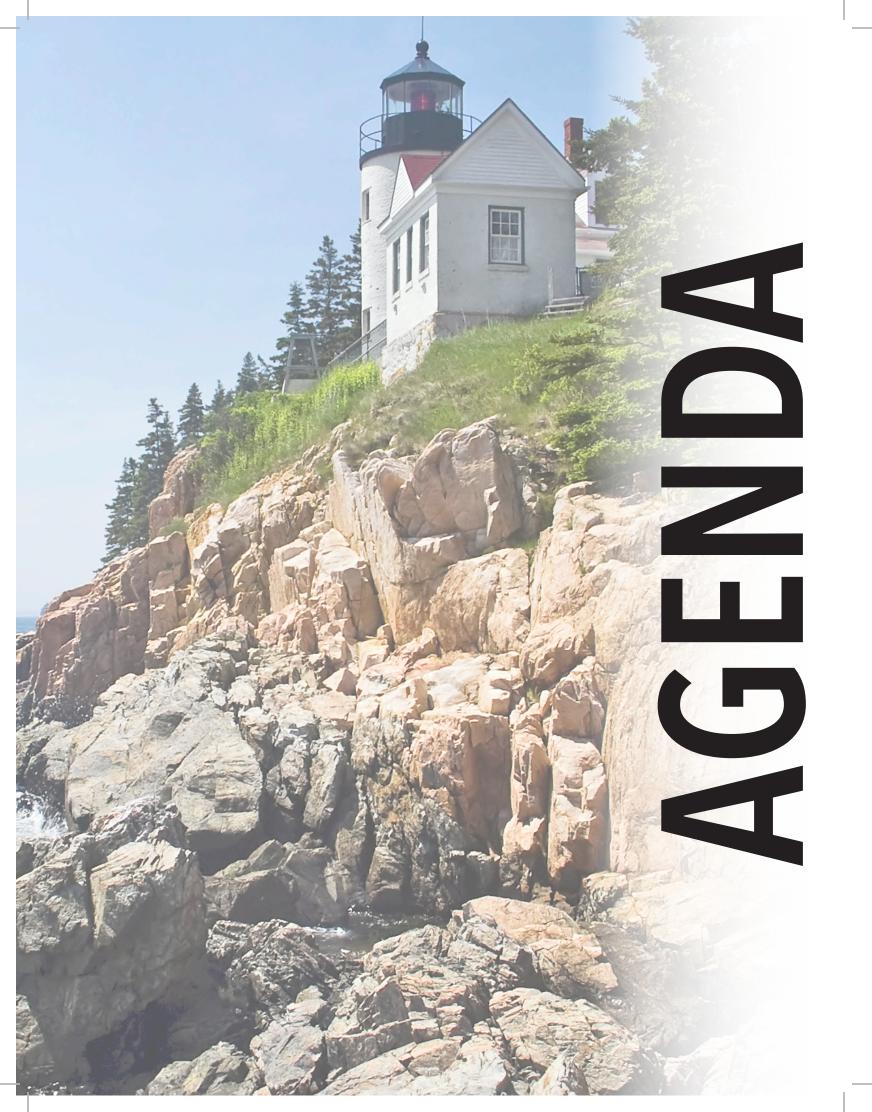
Tuesday, October 14: 9:30 am–5:30 pm Wednesday, October 15: 9:30 am–5:30 pm

For Departures:

Sunday, October 19: 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Monday, October 20: 5:00 am-1:00 pm

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All conference sessions will take place at the Harborside Conference Center.

The NASBLA office is located in the Rockefeller room in the Harborside Conference Center.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 am-5:00 pmNASBLA Executive Board Meeting *Palmer*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 am-5:00 pmNASBLA Executive Board Meeting *Palmer*

8:00 am-5:00 pmGPS Forensics Training Course *Stotesbury*

This eight-hour GPS forensics certificate course will provide law enforcement officers with a foundation for recovering evidence from GPS devices and preparing it for courtroom presentation.

10:00 am–4:00 pmRegistration Open *Foyer*

4:00 pm—5:00 pmBLA and Leadership Academy *McMurtry*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 am–4:00 pmRegistration Open *Foyer*

All committees will brief the NASBLA membership during this time. Each committee chair will present his/her committee's completed work and actionable items as well as discuss charge ideas for the upcoming committee year. NASBLA Workshop presentations and discussion will immediately follow the committee meetings.

NASBLA Committees

Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Enforcement & Training Preparedness & Response Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Education & Outreach

Noon–1:30 pm	Lunch (on your own)	
1:30 pm–3:00 pm	Executive Session (if requested)	
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Recreational Boating Professional Certification and Credentialing Program Commission Meeting	
1:00 pm-4:00 pm Tent	Exhibitor Set-up	
2:00 pm-3:00 pm Pool House – Dining Room	Spouse/Guest Welcome	
3:00 pm–4:00 pm	National Safe Boating Council General Membership Meeting	
4:00 pm–4:30 pm Side Parking Lot – Harborside Conference Cent	NASBLA Edition Patrol Vessel Presentation	
NASBLA's Enforcement & Training Committee in partnership with <i>Brunswick Commercial and Government Products</i> will present the NASBLA edition patrol boat.		
4:30 pm-5:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies Dress recommendation: Business attire	
Welcome to the USCG 1st District Rear Admiral Linda Fagan		
5:30 pm-7:00 pm	President's Reception – In Memory of George W. Stewart Jr. Dress recommendation: Business attire	
Dinner (on your own)		
8:00 pm–11:00 pm Vanderbilt Suite – Bar Harbor Regency Hotel	Networking	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 am-7:50 am <i>Tent</i>	Continental Breakfast
7:00 am–5:00 pm Tent	Exhibits Open
7:30 am–Noon	Registration Open

GENERAL SESSIONS

Rear Admiral Vincent B. Atkins, USCG

Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries

The Maine Game Wardens from the hit television show *North Woods Law* and the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife will take attendees behind the scenes of the reality show. The stars of the show will give insight into their "lessons learned" from an agency and game warden perspective.

10:00 am-10:45 amBREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Understanding Twitter Ride-alongs and Effective Uses of Social Media in Conservation Law Enforcement

McMurty

Michael Mitchell, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

This session, designed for leaders, walks participants through effective use of social media in conservation law enforcement, specifically Facebook and Twitter. The exploration includes discussion of how to smartly conduct live ride-along events and how to achieve maximum constituent reach, particularly without buying keywords. The session will cover the pitfalls, risks and achievements that Texas obtained using this unique outreach technique on both land and water. It will also offer examples of relevant partners (including NASBLA) to utilize when creating a social media presence. It ends with forecasts for where social media is heading, including discussion of new social media intelligence monitoring tools used in law enforcement.

2. Ohio Women's Outdoor Adventures

Pool House Large

Karen Muench, Ohio DNR, Division of Watercraft

More and more women want to take up outdoor activities, including boating, but just don't know where to start. Join us at this session to discover Ohio's answer to this important and ever-growing need. We'll discuss the first-ever Ohio Women's Outdoor Adventures (OWOA) program, launched in August, that included outdoor workshops on canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, trailering, launching/loading, and power boating basics, as well as other outdoor activities, such as fishing, archery and geocaching. We hope you'll walk away with a mission to start your own program!

3. Seated Standardized Field Sobriety Testing – Past, Present & Future

Stotesbury

Richard Moore, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

The seated battery of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) has become a nationwide hit among marine law enforcement officers. This session will give a brief overview of the history of the seated SFSTs and the extent of their current use around the country. Testimonials will be provided from officers who have personally experienced both the successful use and courtroom challenges associated with the seated SFSTs. The session will conclude with a vision of the future use of the seated SFSTs and their anticipated contribution to reducing BUI violations and saving lives on our nation's waterways.

11:00 am-11:45 amBREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Maritime Professional Responders & Officers Caucus

McMurty

Cody Jones, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Since the first citizen took to the water on a vessel for its enjoyment, the safety of recreational boating in America has evolved and will continue to be dependent on the faithful, diligent and dedicated patrol of maritime first responders and officers who define the waters as their workplace and drive the everyday activities that represent our organization's mission.

NASBLA is seeking to establish a caucus for these professionals to provide them with a forum to share ideas, concepts, conversations and best practices, offer resources and training that is unique and specific to their discipline, and provide them with voice to feed into committee work that addresses national issues. There are many valuable organizations out there who represent a small cross section of this community (i.e. The Colorado River Law Enforcement Association, California Boating Safety Officers Association, and others), yet none who are all inclusive and that is the niche we need to take hold of and champion. Come hear about the planned launch of this caucus and a timeline to provide to your maritime first responders.

2. Coastal Recreational Access - Problems and Solutions

Pool House Large

Natalie Springuel, College of the Atlantic

Access to the coast is critical for recreational boating opportunities around the nation. This session will explore the status and varied approaches to public access to the coast. Looking at a few case studies, with a particular emphasis on Maine, this session will identify coastal access challenges and innovative ways that communities and recreational groups have attempted to secure and protect coastal recreational access.

3. Children's Programs & Getting Programs Into Schools

Stotesbury

Kelli Toth, Alaska Office of Boating Safety

Results from a recent poll by the NASBLA Education & Outreach Committee shows that boating law administrators are interested in implementing children's boating safety programs, provided that a standard course curriculum is developed. In addition to a lack of a standard curriculum, roadblocks to successful implementation identified also included static class scheduling and requirements that teachers strictly adhere to the Common Core Federal standards.

One example of a children's boating safety program that has overcome these obstacles is Alaska's *Kids Don't Float*. This discussion will include a brief description of how the *Kids Don't Float* program was designed and implemented, and its continuing evolution. Most importantly, this presentation will describe how anyone can implement a children's boating safety program in their state.

Noon–2:30 pm	Lunch & On-water Demonstration
Tent	
2:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Tour of Acadia National Park
Meet in Foyer to board buses	

This optional field trip provides conference attendees and their guests an opportunity to visit Acadia National Park on a guided tour. A bus tour will take you through Acadia National Park to famous and breathtaking sites in the park with stops at Thunder Hole and the top of Cadillac Mountain.

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6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Networking Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 am-8:50 am	Continental breakfast
Tent	

8:00 am-11:00 am	Registration (Open
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9:00 am–9:45 amExhibitor Breakdown

2:00 pm-2:45 pm.....BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Know Before They Blow – The Importance of a Well-rounded BUI Detection and Enforcement Program

McMurty

Todd Radabaugh, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

The session focuses on the importance of including the validated seated standardized field sobriety battery of tests (SFSTs) in any dynamic BUI Enforcement Program. Participants will be given the opportunity to administer these tests to another participant. Other advanced SFST training programs will also be covered, including IACPs Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program.

Partnerships are vital and the opportunity to germinate these partnerships begins with training opportunities. Participants will be encouraged to use training as a force multiplier for maritime law enforcement and special events such as Operation Dry Water. Education is the key to decreasing the number of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities on the water. Not only must we educate the public to the dangers of boating under the influence, we must also ensure that our maritime law enforcement professionals have the tools they need to recognize and articulate evidence of impaired operation.

2. Recreational Boating Professional Certification and Credentialing Program

Pool House Large

John Malatak, NASBLA Program Manager

In an effort to elevate professional development opportunities for individuals whose chosen careers lie within the various nationwide recreational boating programs, NASBLA has embarked on the development of the *Certified Recreational Boating Professional (CRBP)* program. This national certification program for recreational boating professionals is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and designate recreational boating professionals who demonstrate the knowledge essential to recreational boating program management.

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It is anticipated that earning the *Certified Recreational Boating Professional (CRBP)* credential will become THE hallmark of a committed program professional. Participation in this program is certain to strengthen and solidify the management and professional delivery of safe and enjoyable recreational boating throughout the nation, leading towards the creation of a highly skilled and talented pool of professional candidates to fill the various positions within the recreational boating program.

3. The National Weather Service - A Powerful Partner for Reaching the Media and Media Tour Case Study

Stotesbury

Wade Alonzo, Washington State Parks, Boating Program Ted Buehner, Warning Weather Coordination Meteorologist, NWS

The National Weather Service (NWS) interacts with all major media all the time and as a result they have well-established, strong working relationships with television, radio and newspapers. This session is about leveraging those relationships to tell the boating safety story. The session will provide background on the mission and work of the NWS and will also focus on a case study from Washington State where a coalition of partners that included State Parks, USCG, King County Sheriff's Office, Children's Hospital and the National Weather Service conducted two media tours in the spring that focused on the dangers of cold water shock. Both have been incredibly successful with powerful results.

3:00 pm-3:45 pm.....BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) in Underwater Investigations McMurty

George Birdwell, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Matt Majors, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

*Note: Some images in this presentation are real images of underwater victim recoveries and may be graphic. This presentation and its content is law enforcement oriented.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency acquired an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) in 2013 for use in port security and underwater investigations. Using the ROV in boating incident investigations has greatly improved the identification and recovery of underwater evidence, including human victims. The first year of use resulted in the recovery of seven victims related to boating incidents.

This presentation will show actual cases worked in Tennessee and how the ROV was used to enhance and expedite the investigation process. State members will be able to evaluate the need for a ROV in their state and assess the benefits that come from the use of a ROV in their boating programs.

2. Maine Island Trail Association

Pool House Large Bill Weir, MDI Paddlers

The Maine Island Trail Association (MITA) is a community of stewards, volunteers and members committed to the protection and enjoyment of the Maine Island Trail. This network of wild islands – America's first-ever water trail – includes 207 sites and spans over 375 miles of Maine's coastline. MITA's 3,800 members include boaters of all kinds united in their love of Maine's coast and their support of island stewardship. Join former MITA Board Member Bill Weir for an introduction to the Trail and our mission, history, and devotion to safe and sustainable coastal recreation.

3. Why Standards Matter - A Look at NASBLA's Potential as part of the ANSI Process

Stotesbury

Jeff Johnson, Alaska Office of Boating Safety Pam Dillon, NASBLA Education Director

Get your questions about standards and standard development answered!

- "Why does the development of a voluntary consensus standard process matter to states and territories?"
- "What potential does it hold for NASBLA members?"

Explore the development and use of voluntary consensus standards and NASBLA's potential as an Accredited Standards Developer (ASD) organization under the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

4:00 pm-4:45 pm.....BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Electrical Shock Drowning

McMurty

George Birdwell, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Electric shock drowning (ESD) cases have become a major concern and an important part of boating safety. In this session we will discuss and review the details and causes of ESD incidents, including a case study from July 4, 2012, on Tennessee's Cherokee Lake. Because of this tragic incident, legislation was proposed and placed into law in Tennessee to protect against stray voltage from entering water from marinas' electrical services and the vessels utilizing the electricity. Details of the legislation will be discussed. Highlights will be discussed from other states that have also recently introduced similar legislation or have already passed bills to protect against electric shock drowning.

2. Personal Watercraft Operational Guidelines

Pool House Large

Shawn Alladio, K38

This presentation will focus on Personal Watercraft Operational Guidelines safety and training and personal protective equipment standards that enhance operational safety and efficiency in a variety of uses and waterway conditions.

3. Side Scan Sonar - Imagery, Uses, and Solutions

Stotesbury

Michael Mitchell, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

*Note: Some images in this presentation are real images of underwater victim recoveries and may be graphic. This presentation and its content is law enforcement oriented.

This session describes how the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department uses side scan sonar imaging technology aboard game warden vessels to rapidly and efficiently locate drowning victims, underwater hazards, dumped vehicles and ejected illegal drug loads. The agency adapted the relatively low-cost technology previously used by the recreational and commercial fishing industries. The agency has also developed a unique portable system, allowing it to be moved from one vessel to another. This presentation views real imagery from over a dozen cases to best understand how it is actually used. It concludes with a discussion of what other tools are looming on the horizon.

Dinner (on your own)

8:00 pm-11:00 pm......Networking Vanderbilt Suite – Bar Harbor Regency Hotel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 am-4:00 pmSpouse/Guest Activities *Pool House-Dining Room*

Guests will be taken on a guided tour of The Abbe Museum, an exciting contemporary museum in the heart of downtown Bar Harbor. Visitors will find dynamic and stimulating exhibitions and activities interspersed with spaces for quiet reflection. Following the tour, guests will head to the Jordan Pond House for tea and baked popovers, a tradition in Bar Harbor. The Jordan Pond House is the only restaurant in Acadia National Park. It overlooks Jordan Pond and the Bubble Mountains.

GENERAL SESSION

Wouldn't it be wonderful if this were true?! Or would it? This session is designed to challenge us to understand how our emotions affect our behavior and how our brains are wired to derail us in the times when we are under the most stress. To be effective in our jobs and at home, we need to continually work to manage our relationships – and this includes managing how we react to things and how we treat people in those moments.

10:00 am-10:45 amBREAKOUT SESSIONS

† 1. The New and Improved BoatOnCourse.com

McMurty

Fred Messmann, Deputy Director, National Safe Boating Council

The popular NSBC Navigation Rules Awareness program BoatOnCourse.com has been expanded to go beyond the basics of navigation rules. The new content adds navigation lights, sound signals, sailboats, narrow channels and recreational boating with commercial vessel traffic safety including exclusion zones to the basic navigation rules that were seen in the original BoatOnCourse.com.

These strategies are designed to promote awareness through both conventional and novel outreach initiatives. The program lets the viewer see Navigation Rule segments, select a specific segment for viewing, or download any program designed to teach the Navigation Rules. Come see Part II of the successful BoatOnCourse.com

2. Whitewater Rafting

Pool House Large

Rick Clowry, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Dan Card, Brookfield Power

Jeremy and Jessica Hargreaves, Northeast Guide Service

This session provides an overview of the whitewater industry in Maine from its beginning to current status, including the sport's social, economic, and environmental impacts. This three-part presentation will include the power company that owns the dam, insight from a growing family-owned rafting company, and the state's role in the management and oversight of the industry.

3. The NASBLA Lighthouse: The One-stop Shop for Your Boating Data and Analysis Needs Stotesbury

Tammy Terry, Ohio DNR, Division of Watercraft

Kris Wahlers, Colorado DNR, Parks & Wildlife

Eric Lundin, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Glenn Moates, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Ever been faced with a recreational boating data project and wished you had an "analyst in a bottle" to help you out? We've got something even better. Join us for the rollout of *The NASBLA Lighthouse*, a new interactive online forum dedicated to sharing references, resources, tools and an opportunity for peer group discussions on all things related to recreational boating data. We'll tell you how to get started, share some of the treasures that are already available on the website for your use, and let you know how you can participate in making this resource even more valuable. Something for everyone, even if you never thought you had the ability to take on these projects before.

11:00 am-11:45 amBREAKOUT SESSIONS

Department of Defense Human Factors Analysis and Classification System – A Mishap Investigation and Data Analysis Tool

McMurty

BMCS Robert Goley, USCG

The Department of Defense Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS) is a mishap investigation and data analysis tool that provides for the cross-feed of human error data using a common human error categorization system that involves human factors. This system is accepted among the DoD Components and U.S. Coast Guard.

2. The 3 T's: Teamwork, Team-building and Team Atmosphere

Pool House Large

Lindsey Jeremiah, OUTDOORsmart!'s Strategic Partnership and Product Specialist Tanya Wakelin, OUTDOORsmart!'s Education and Quality Department

Does your team "drink the kool-aid"? How do you get your team to eat, sleep and breathe your organization? How do you reduce staff turn-over and increase employee engagement and retention? We believe all this is possible, because we live it. Nominated for local Employer of the Year three years in a row and nominated for Canada's Top 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures, our Profit 200 organization will share with you what we've done differently to get nominated for these awards and we will show you how your organization can do it too!

We have clearly defined our corporate culture and have managed to hire and hold on tight to the best people for the culture we consciously foster. Why bother doing this? Professionals estimate that it costs organizations 150% of every employee's annual salary to replace that employee. Join us to talk about our innovative "Team Fit" interview process and learn how to motivate yourself or your co-workers/employees to create meaningful work. Walk away feeling motivated and with your hands full. We'll be providing interview templates and solid creative plans for team activities that you can take back to your organization.

3. Basic Boating Knowledge – Power: The New National Boating Education Standard Stotesbury

Jeff Johnson, Alaska Office of Boating Safety Pam Dillon, NASBLA Education Director

This session will discuss the revised national boating education standard "NASBLA 103-2015: Basic Boating Knowledge - Power." The content of the new standard will be reviewed as well as updated NASBLA policies (and proposed policies) used in the conformity assessment (aka 'NASBLA Approval') process. An overview of additional efforts in the development of National Boating Education Standards and the National Boating Education Standards Panel Process will also be discussed.

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GENERAL SESSIONS

Stotesbury

1:30 pm-2:15 pm......Personal Watercraft Adaptive Hybrids Shawn Alladio, K38

Hybrid offshoot production concepts that are primarily created from the personal watercraft product are becoming an increasing reality in terms of visual identification through the movie industry, rental agencies and outdoor special events. The session will focus on enforcement and safety regarding these hybrids.

* 2:20 pm-2:50 pmNational Recreational Boating Survey – Understanding its structure and impact

Tammy Terry, Ohio DNR, Division of Watercraft

The July-August 2014 *Small Craft Advisory* gave you some of the basics on the methods used by the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct its 2012 National Recreational Boating Survey, including a peek into how exposure hours were calculated. Join us for this session, where we'll talk more about why the 2012 NRBS information is important to you and your state. We'll take a look at exposure hours by boat type, provide some unique statelevel data from the survey, and share plans for NASBLA ERAC's future forays into the survey details. You won't want to miss this session.

The Boating Violator Compact parallels the process related to the Driver License Compact and the Wildlife Violator Compact. Georgia and South Carolina passed legislation this year to become the first two states to create the Interstate Boating Violator Compact (IBVC). There are many benefits to boaters and participating states. Learn how to make your boating patrols more efficient and increase public boating on bordering lakes and rivers. No additional costs for personnel or equipment are required to participate in the compact. States share information via an electronic database related to suspensions for boating violations.

→ 3:40 pm-4:10 pmState Reciprocity for Boat Operator Education – Does One Size Fit All?

Cindy Bellar, Ohio DNR, Division of Watercraft

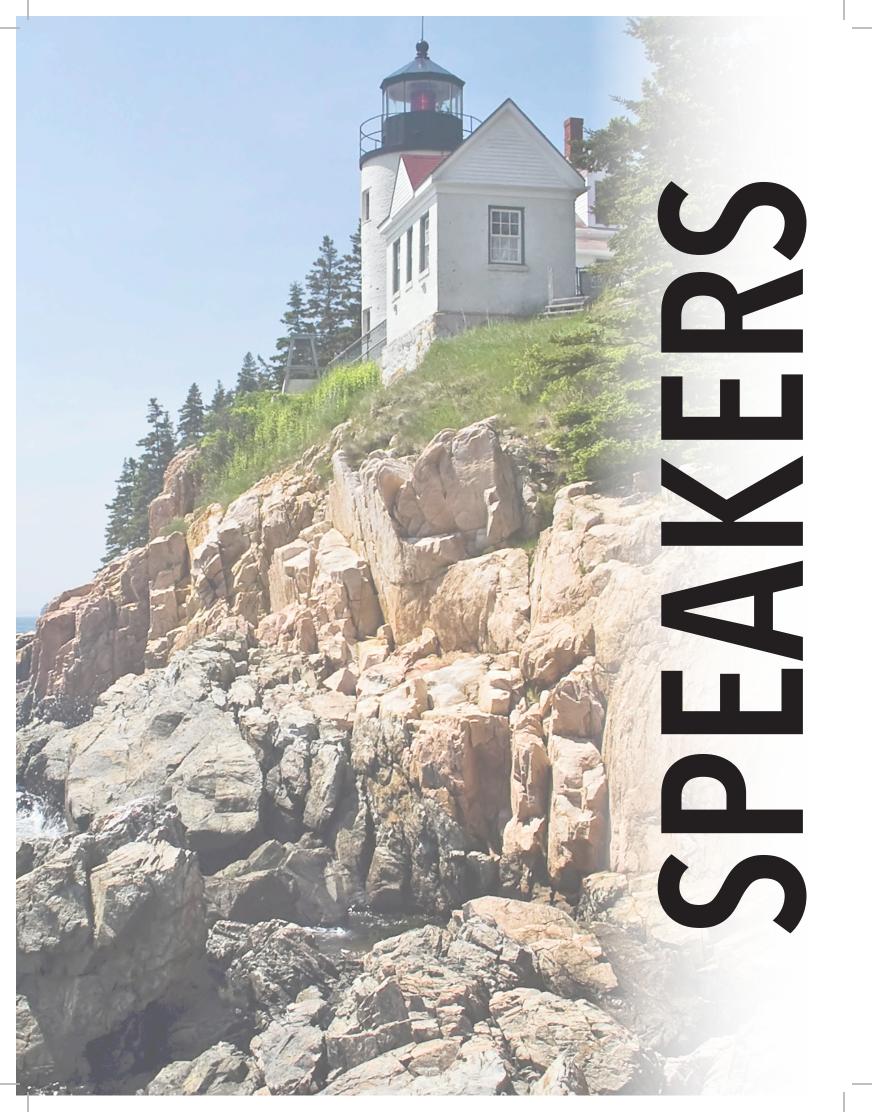
Reciprocity continues to present a challenge to recreational boaters who may be required to meet state mandatory education programs. Boaters traveling to other states may be faced with having to meet more than one state's mandatory boating education standards, even for temporary operation. It is difficult for boating educators and enforcement officers to track other states' requirements and provide guidance to boaters before they embark. The NASBLA Education & Policy Best Practices Subcommittee has continued work on the *Reciprocity Challenge* charge. A reciprocity survey was completed by boating law administrators in all 50 states along with 5 of the six territories. In addition, two maps illustrating mandatory education requirements and reciprocity requirements have been updated. Please join this discussion to see the survey results and to review the next steps for this charge.

4:15 pm-5:00 pm......State of the Industry and Discover Boating Update Carl Blackwell, Senior Vice President, National Marine Manufacturers Association

How is the recreational boating industry faring since the Great Recession and what is the outlook moving forward? Hear an update on the industry-funded integrated marketing campaign Discover Boating and how safety messages are, and can, play a role in this campaign.

5:00 pmPassing of the Fid

8:00 pm-10:00 pm......Networking Vanderbilt Suite – Bar Harbor Regency Hotel



Shawn Alladio



Shawn Alladio is founder of K38, providing rescue watercraft and personal watercraft instruction, event safety management, program development for PWC usage and film industry support. Alladio is a project manager of the Rescue Water Craft Association, a NASBLA

associate member and an NSBC Boating Safety Instructor.

Wade Alonzo



Wade Alonzo became Washington's boating law administrator in 2011. Prior to joining State Parks he spent 17 years working for the Department of Natural Resources in many roles, including Policy and Outreach for the Aquatic Land Management Division, Legislative Liaison

for Commissioner Doug Sutherland, Fire Prevention Officer, Wildland Firefighter, and Forester. At State Parks, he and his team recently completed a yearlong strategic planning process that will focus on promoting boating and growing a culture of safety through advanced adult boater education, K-12 education, and law enforcement training. He is actively engaged with the boating public through the Recreational Boating Association of Washington, the Washington Boating Alliance, and the Multi-Agency Boating Committee.

RADM Vincent B. Atkins



Rear Admiral Vincent Atkins serves as the deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities, overseeing the integration of all operations, capability, strategy and resource policy. His immediate previous assignment was as U.S. Southern Command's Director of Operations,

directing all military operations in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Rear Admiral Atkins is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Government. He also earned a Master of Science in Management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, with distinction, from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Rear Admiral Atkins' afloat assignments include service in USCGC MIDGETT, USCGC HAMILTON, USCGC DECISIVE and USCGC RESOLUTE, and Commanding Officer in USCGC DURABLE.

Cindy Bellar



Cindy Bellar is the law enforcement administrator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft. She manages numerous programs including Ohio's boating law enforcement program, search and rescue training program, marine patrol grant program,

stolen boat program, and NASBLA accreditation. Bellar is an 18-year veteran with the Division and has served as a watercraft officer, specialist, Law Enforcement/Search and Rescue Coordinator, and the Public Information and Boating Education Manager. Bellar has participated on the NASBLA Education Policy & Best Practices Subcommittee over the past few years. Currently, she is serving as a charge leader for the Reciprocity Challenge regarding state mandatory boater education programs. She also served on the NASBLA Enforcement & Training Committee as the charge leader for the continued development of the Officer Water Survival Course. She and her Ohio co-workers developed the lesson plan and delivered the first three train-the-trainer courses around the country.

George Birdwell



George Birdwell, a lifelong resident of Tennessee, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. Birdwell started his career with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in 1998 as a wildlife technician. In 2000, he

promoted to wildlife manager, and then in 2002, he transferred to a wildlife officer position in Unicoi County. In 2004, he became a full-time boating officer where he began to investigate many of the accidents occurring in his work district. Birdwell was promoted to statewide boating investigator in 2012. He assists in boat accident investigations, vessel theft investigations, and boat accident and BUI training throughout the state. Birdwell has assisted the NSBC Close-Quarter and Open Water Boat Control program as a master instructor, and he serves on the VIRT Committee for NASBLA.

Carl Blackwell



Carl Blackwell joined the National Marine Manufacturers Association as chief marketing officer in 2003 and oversees all association marketing and communication efforts, including boat shows. In 2011, he was appointed president of Grow Boating Inc., which produces the industry-

funded Discover Boating Campaign, and as CMO/SVP Marketing & Communications for NMMA. Blackwell graduated with honors from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. He grew up in southern Indiana near Lake Monroe, where he enjoyed the water on several family and friends' boats. He docks his boat at Diversey Harbor in Chicago.

Ted Buehner



Ted Buehner is the warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Seattle. In this key customer liaison position, he works toward enhancing the "end-to-end" forecast and warning system by more closely tying the agency's mission of protecting lives and

property, and enhancing the region's economy, with its customers, such as emergency managers, the media, and the marine community. Buehner has been with the NWS since 1977, this position being his third tour of duty in Seattle. He also served one year in Boise as a forecaster, six years in Portland as a lead forecaster, and two years at the NWS Western Region Headquarters in Salt Lake City as the Western U.S. marine, public, and aviation program manager. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Oregon State University.

Pam Dillon



As NASBLA's education director Pam Dillon works to advance policies and national standards for boating education, outreach, and training. Dillon is a careerlong boating professional, retiring in 2011 as chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft.

Through her 30-year career with the Division, she was instrumental in advancing Ohio's education and public safety program to a level recognized as a national leader. During a five-year break in service from the state of Ohio, Dillon served as executive director of the American Canoe Association (2002-2007), working to develop

strategic alliances with boating, outdoor recreation, and paddlesport education and conservation programs across the U.S. and Canada. Dillon served two terms as a public member of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council and still serves as an Objective Leader for the Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. In 2014 Dillon earned her credential as a Certified Association Executive from ASAE.

Captain Mike England



Captain Mike England is a 24-year veteran with the Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Division. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Biology/Chemistry from Piedmont College, England began his career with Georgia DNR in 1991 and is currently serving as

captain over special projects at headquarters. England attended Law Enforcement Command College and received his master's degree in Public Administration in 2008 and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 237. Captain England was the Georgia Boating Officer of The Year in 2000. He has served on several NASBLA committees each year since 2000 and is currently serving on the VIRT Committee.

ADM Linda Fagan



Rear Admiral Linda Fagan is the deputy director of Operations for Headquarters United States Northern Command. The Directorate of Operations is the principal advisor to the Commander USNORTHCOM on all operational matters, providing strategic guidance to

plan and execute NORTHCOM missions within the area of responsibility, including land, maritime, and Homeland Defense air operations as well as Defense Support of Civil Authorities. Admiral Fagan was previously assigned as commanding officer of Sector New York. Admiral Fagan's 27-year career has taken her to all seven continents, from the snows of Ross Island, Antarctica, to the heart of Africa, from Tokyo to Geneva, and many points in between.

BMCS Robert C. Goley



Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Robert Goley assumed command of Station Chatham in June 2012 and continues his collaboration with NASBLA as the Coast Guard Field Representative for the BOAT Program Advisory Board. His immediate previous assignment was an extremely

successful and rewarding four-year tour as the Officer In Charge of Station Rio Vista, California, where his unit hosted the first official NASBLA BOAT Program Tactical Operator's Course, earning him national recognition in building partnerships between federal, state, and local maritime first responders. Senior Chief Goley first entered the U. S. Coast Guard in 1995. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University, holds a Captain, 100-ton (with towing endorsement) merchant mariner's license, and is a certified operational risk management and team coordination facilitator.

Lindsey Jeremiah



Lindsey Jeremiah is a paddler at heart from Canada's lake country. As OUTDOORsmart!'s strategic partnership and product specialist, she spends her days making the waters a safer place for boaters by creating engaging educational content and developing strategic partnerships that

make a difference to boating safety in North America. Jeremiah holds a Bachelor of English Literature, a Bachelor of Education (specializing in Outdoor Education and Online Education) and a master's degree in Communications and Public Texts. After completing her MA, she earned a post-graduate degree in Creative Publishing and Marketing. She also taught Outdoor Ed and English Literature at the Zurich International School in Switzerland before working as an editor for Random House Publishing Group Inc. After a few years in Toronto with her nose in a book, Jeremiah was charmed back into the recreational boating community when she joined the OUTDOORsmart! team in 2012.

Jeff Johnson



Jeff Johnson began his career with Michigan State Parks and then joined the U.S. Forest Service, moving to Alaska in 1978. He joined the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation in 1981 as a state park ranger. In 1984, he

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became the first ranger assigned to Kachemak Bay State Park and State Wilderness Park. In 1994 he transferred to the Division's central office to manage restoration projects in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. An experienced boat operator and marine safety instructor, he developed the Division's first powerboat operator certification program. Shortly before the Alaska Office of Boating Safety was established in 1998, Johnson was named Alaska's first official boating law administrator and currently manages the Alaska Office of Boating Safety. A previous NASBLA President, he is currently a member of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, treasurer for the Western States Boating Administrators Association, and chair of the National Boating Education Standards panel.

Cody Jones



As the boating law administrator for the state of Texas, Assistant Commander Cody Jones oversees the state's recreational boating enforcement and training as well as its State Maritime Operations Taskforce and Maritime Tactical Operations Groups. After

graduating from Sul Ross State University with a bachelor of science degree, Jones began his career in 2001 as a sheriff's deputy in Brewster County, Texas. He was hired by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 2003 as a game warden. Promoted to a lieutenant at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters in Austin in 2010, Jones was assigned the oversight of the state's Marine Safety Enforcement Officer Certification Program, Party Boat Operations Program and Coastal Floating Cabins Permit Program. He was promoted to his present position in January 2013.

Eric Lundin



Sergeant Eric Lundin is a 19-year veteran of the Connecticut Environmental Conservation Police, currently serving as supervisor of the Central Marine Sector and the Boating Accident Reconstruction Unit (BARU). He has participated in numerous marine and boating

investigations, is a NASBLA BOAT program instructor, and teaches marine theft and fraud for the International Association of Marine Investigators, where he is a board member overseeing the association's Certified Marine Investigator program.

Matt Majors



Matt Majors is a boating investigator with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. He is a NASBLA Boating Accident Investigation Instructor and GPS Forensics Instructor and is the current committee chair for the association's Enforcement & Training Committee.

Majors is currently tasked with the investigation of boating incidents throughout Tennessee and the training of wildlife officers. He is also a member of the agency dive team and the TWRA Honor Guard coordinator for the state. With more than 15 years in law enforcement, he has served as wildlife officer, district boating officer, district sergeant, and statewide boating investigator.

John Malatak



John Malatak serves as program manager for NASBLA's Recreational Boating Professional Certification and Credentialing Program. Working as a contract program manager from Nashville, John brings more than 42 years of professional experience from the

American Red Cross and the U.S. Coast Guard to this new role in developing the RBS Professional Certification Program. While at the American Red Cross more than two decades ago, Malatak helped launch a national certification program that continues to serve the needs of the preparedness and safety community today. He held various positions within the American Red Cross from 1970 to 1992, including national safety representative for European Area Headquarters, Stuttgart, West Germany. His last assignment with the Red Cross was as Assistant National Director, Health and Safety. He later joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served as chief of Program Operations in the Boating Safety Division from 1992 until 2012. He has a B.S. and advanced degrees in Business Administration.

Fred Messmann



Fred Messmann worked for the Nevada Department of Wildlife as the state's boating law administrator and boating access, clean vessel act, and boating infrastructure grant programs administrator for 20 years. He served as NASBLA President in 2004. After retiring

as a game warden 2009, Messmann was named deputy director of the National Safe Boating Council. He had been a member of the Council since 1990. He has served as the chairman of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) Strategic Planning Subcommittee since its inception in February 2005.

Michael Mitchell



Lieutenant Michael Mitchell coordinates technology and special projects for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, which includes 518 sworn game wardens. In his current assignment, Mitchell is responsible for executing the division's strategic technology plan. He also acts as the point

person for technology-related projects implementations, to include RMS, state databases, mobile fingerprint readers, mobile communicating devices, applications, social media, and internal/external web sites. Among other initiatives, the division is implementing officer-level tablets and apps. A U.S. Coast Guard licensed Master and Naval destroyerman, Lieutenant Mitchell has extensive experience in Gulf of Mexico coastal boat patrol, which includes GIS, AIS, and sonar imaging background. Prior to his current assignment, Mitchell was a field-level game warden for almost 10 years.

Glenn Moates



Glenn Moates graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. He began his career with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) in 1986 as a wildlife officer. In 2005 he became a statewide boating accident

investigator. He was promoted to assistant chief of the Boating and law Enforcement Division of TWRA in 2010 where he currently serves. Lt. Col. Moates has been a member of NASBLA's Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee and currently serves on the Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee as co-vice chair with Eric Lundin.

Richard Moore



Major Richard Moore is Florida's boating law administrator and also serves NASBLA members as the BUI Program Manager for the BOAT Program. Throughout his nearly 25 years as a conservation and marine law enforcement officer, helping other officers become

better prepared and more confident in their ability to identify and apprehend boat operators who are under the influence has been one of Moore's areas of emphasis. He has led the development of officer training in the seated battery of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and the implementation of this training throughout the nation. Moore has served more than 12 years as Florida's BLA, was NASBLA President in 2009, has served three terms as an appointee to the Coast Guard's National Boating Safety Advisory Council and is currently the vice chair of the National Boating Safety Council. He continues to serve as the Objective Leader on Objective Six - "Boating Under the Influence" of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program's Strategic Plan.

Karen Muench



Karen Muench is a deputy chief and the Boating Education and Information Administrator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft. Karen is a 26-year veteran with the Division and has served as a state watercraft officer, Area Supervisor

(Cincinnati/East Fork Office), and the division's law enforcement training coordinator. She presently sits on the NASBLA Preparedness and Response committee and is a NASBLA instructor for the Officer Water Survival course. Karen received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree from Ohio University, and is a graduate of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy – Basic Peace Officer program.

Chris Olex



Chris Olex is a corporate trainer and facilitator specializing in personal and team development. As a guiding principle, she invites individuals to increase their self-awareness through experience, dialogue, and reflection so they can more fully understand how they show

up in the world and impact other people. As individuals gain self knowledge, sharing this information at a team level can benefit productivity and engagement to better access the true potential of the group. Olex strives to create a-ha experiences which transform assumptions, thinking, and ultimately behavior so this can happen. She utilizes a variety of teaching methodologies, particularly experiential learning, as a means to help clients fully connect training content to direct application in the workplace and in their personal lives. Olex has been bringing her energy and curiosity to ballrooms, boardrooms, and classrooms around the globe and across industries for 20 years.

Todd Radabaugh



Todd Radabaugh has been employed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission since December 1990. A majority of that time has been spent serving the public in District Two, which is comprised of 12 coastal counties. Currently he supervises law enforcement

operations in that district. He has been instructing Standardized Field Sobriety Testing since 2000 and has been the Commission's lead SFST instructor since 2004. Radabaugh was certified as a Drug Recognition Expert by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in 2008 and was named the North Carolina DRE of the Year in 2010. He was certified as a DRE instructor by IACP in 2010 and remains a current instructor. He received the MADD DWI Hero Award in 2012.

Mike Sabaka



Captain Mike Sabaka has been an officer with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division since 1989. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in political science, and a master's degree in criminal justice.

His career as an officer included many years working as a marine theft investigator and marine fatalities investigator. He has a strong passion for boating law enforcement and boating safety issues. In his current position as an administrative captain, he serves as a legislative liaison for the law enforcement division. In this capacity he worked with the South Carolina state legislature to bring the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact and the Interstate Boating Violators Compact to South Carolina.

Natalie Springuel



Natalie Springuel is a marine extension associate with the University of Maine Sea Grant College Program, based at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. Springuel's extension programs address working waterfronts and coastal access, maritime heritage, and sustainable

tourism planning. She was the coordinator of the second National Working Waterfronts Symposium (2010) in Portland, Maine, and is a co-founder of the National Working Waterfront Network. She has been active with Maine's Working Waterfront coalition since its inception and is a lead author of the report "Access to

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the Waterfront: Issues and Solutions across the Nation" and the website Accessing The Maine Coast – Everything you wanted to know about rights and responsibilities of accessing the Coast of Maine. Springuel is founding member and past president of the Maine Association of Sea Kayak Guides and Instructors.

Tammy Terry



Tammy Terry graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science degree from the School of Natural Resources. She currently serves as the Recreational Boating Accident Program Manager for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft

and has been employed with the department since 1994. Terry is also currently serving as chair for NASBLA's Engineering, Research and Analysis Committee (ERAC).

Kelli Toth



Kelli Toth is the education specialist with the Alaska Office of Boating Safety. She graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) with a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing with a minor in Psychology. She received the MacWilliams Award

at UAA for outstanding marketing student. Additionally, she completed advanced coursework in early childhood education, education theory and curriculum design. She learned a great deal about effectively teaching children and navigating the school system while she was an active parent, volunteer and substitute teacher. Toth is an active member of NASBLA's Education and Outreach Committee. Currently, her main focus in Alaska is the Kids Don't Float education program and marketing boating safety statewide. She continues to evolve the Kids Don't Float Education Program. This award-winning program has reached over 100,000 participants.

Kris Wahlers



Kris Wahlers began working with Colorado State Parks as a ranger in the Denver metro area in 2002 and has served in a variety of locations and roles since then. In 2008, he became Colorado's boating safety education coordinator and managed the state's river outfitter

licensing program. In 2013, he became the boating law administrator for Colorado. He currently is the

charge leader to develop an online form for NASBLA's Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee.

Tanya Wakelin



Tanya Wakelin joined the OUTDOORsmart! Team in 2009. She currently leads OUTDOORsmart!'s Education and Quality Department, managing the development of educational courseware and senior oversight of the organization's customer

care and regulatory and service quality initiatives. She has also played a key role in the development of OUTDOORsmart!'s progressive approach to corporate culture and the company's commitment to best-inclass performance standards. Wakelin has directly contributed to an award-winning corporate culture at OUTDOORsmart! that has been much-admired and professionally respected both locally and nationally in Canada. Her dedication to boating safety includes four years on the Canadian Marine Advisory Council and active involvement with the NASBLA Education & Outreach Committee. She has a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate in Effective Management.

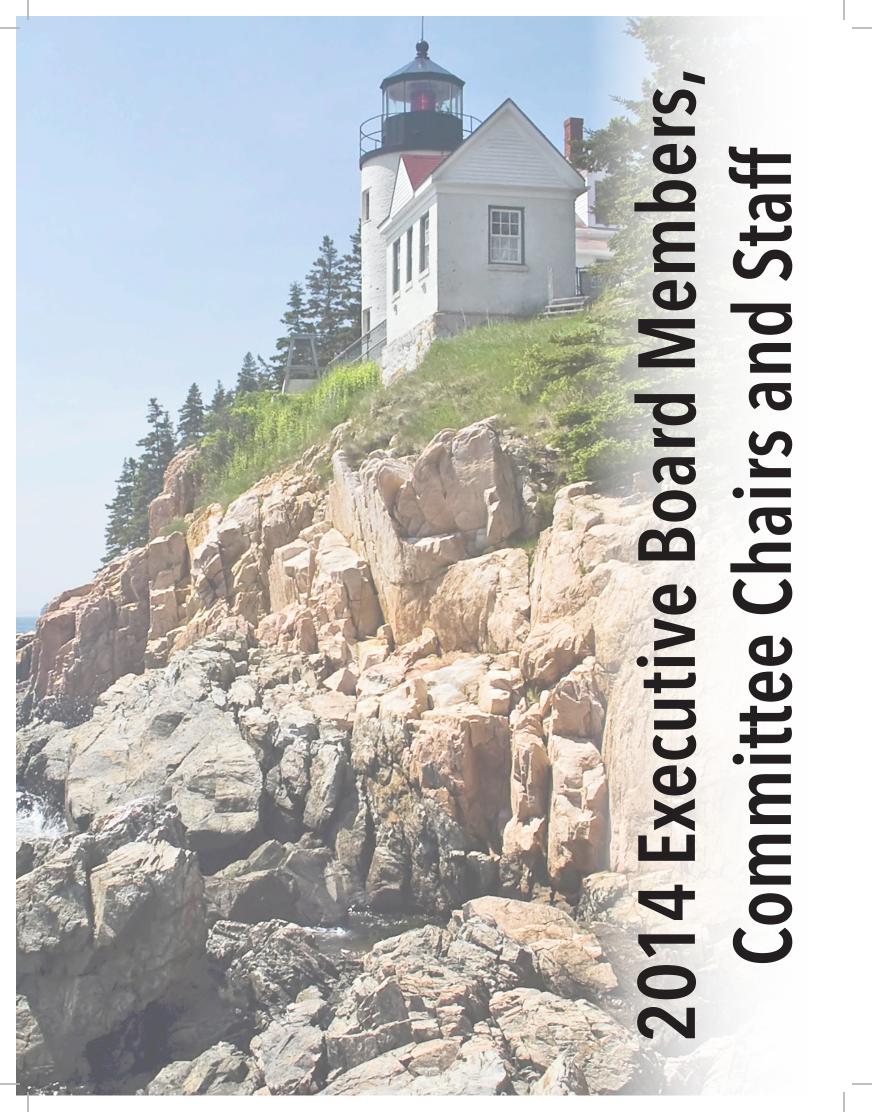
Bill Weir



Bill Weir is a member of MDI Paddlers and former board member of the Maine Island Trail Association. Weir also serves as lieutenant of the Tremont Fire Department, is a CPR/first aid instructor, and heads their cold water rescue crew. Bill and his wife, Charly, live in Bass

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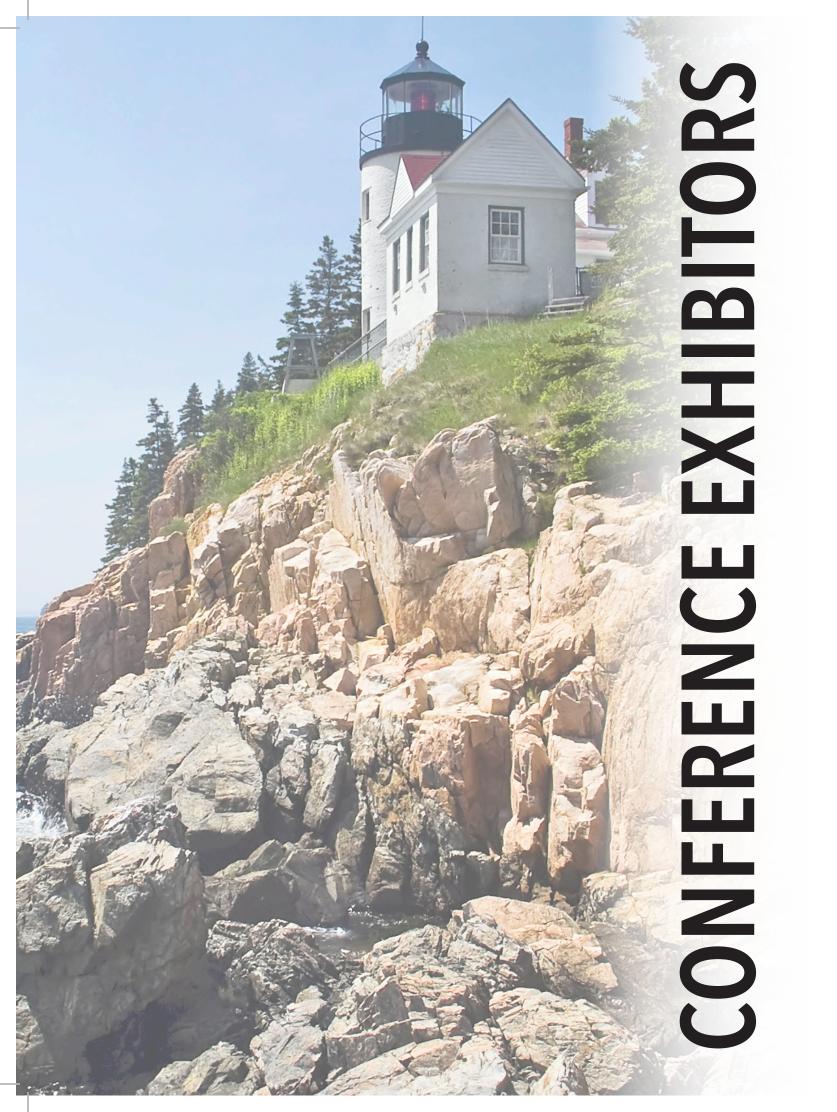
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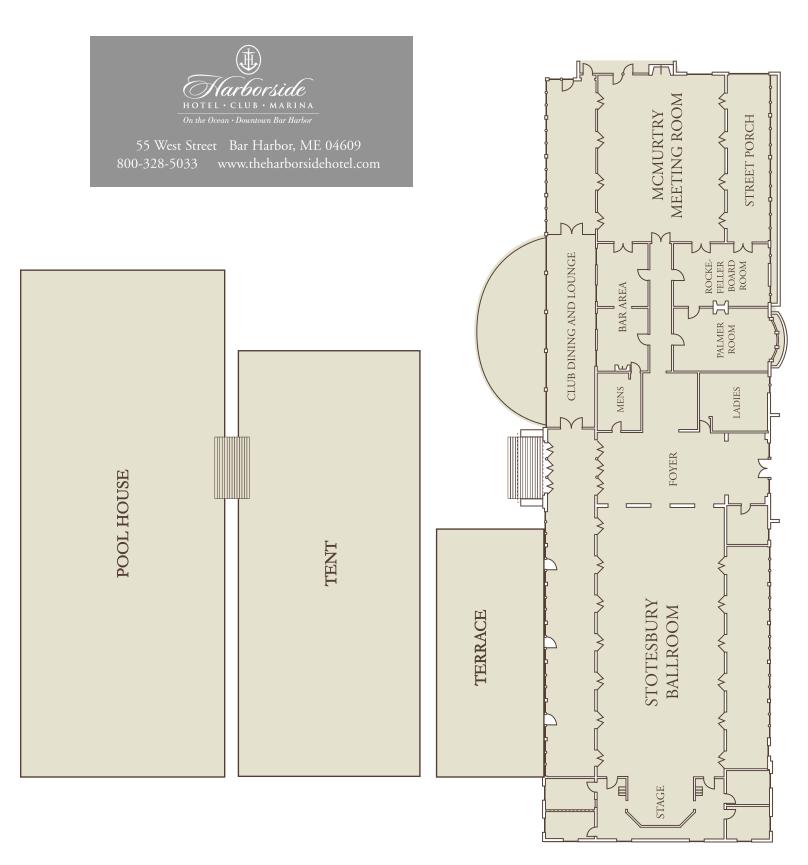
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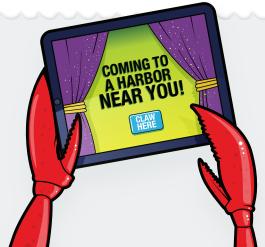
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