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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOATING LAW ADMINISTRATORS

2021 Annual Report











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NASBLA is governed by an Executive Board consisting of the chair, vice chair, treasurer, three members-at-large and the immediate past chair. 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.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

John Johnson, CAE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On behalf of the Executive Board and staff, I am pleased to present the *2021 NASBLA Annual Report*. Coming on the heels of our first-ever annual report released at the end of 2020, our staff has worked extra hard this year to make this report available in time for our annual conference. Since the conference really serves as both the beginning and end point of our project and committee year, we thought it was more appropriate for the document to reflect activities and accomplishments since the last conference rather than the calendar or fiscal year.

Having said that, I would like to double-back briefly and once again thank our staff and presenters for the incredible job done last September with the production of our first-ever virtual annual conference. Over the course of three days, attendees had the opportunity to participate in the NASBLA annual business meeting, as many as 18 conference sessions and network with over 300 of our friends and colleagues nationwide. We conducted an efficient and effective annual business meeting and kept the important work of the association moving forward despite the difficult year of the pandemic. Our thanks and appreciation again to our sponsors, presenters, staff and members for helping make this successful event possible.

Among other "firsts" in 2021, NASBLA welcomed the *States Organization for Boating Access* (SOBA) as the newest member of our association's growing list of affiliated organizations. Along with the *Life Jacket Association* (LJA), NASBLA now provides a comprehensive range of association management services to both groups including staffing and hosting their first-ever virtual annual conferences in early May and late August of 2021. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work more closely with SOBA and LJA and believe the exchange of ideas and best practices among and between these organizations will lead to mutually beneficial initiatives and outcomes for all.

Despite the challenges of the previous year, NASBLA has enjoyed an incredibly productive committee and project year with numerous long-term charges and project results coming to fruition. As we extended the "virtual" meeting paradigm through the *State RBS Workshop* this spring, NASBLA and its RBS partners in the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division continued to provided our members with critical mid-year updates and progress reports on key issues in managing the state RBS programs.

Among other significant developments in 2021, NASBLA's BOAT team launched the new *Inland Boat Operator & Marine Fundamentals Course* to be unveiled at the annual conference. Through collaborative efforts with the *National District Attorney's Association* (NDAA), NASBLA will also disclose the results of its brand-new BUI training module focused on enhanced prosecution and courtroom tactics. NASBLA's annual conference destination at Pittsburgh's historic three rivers venue will also provide an ideal location to roll-out the results of the Third Edition of *A Guide to Multiple Use Waterways Management*, as project principles share the outcomes of this timely, multi-year initiative.

NASBLA's National Education Standards Panel (ESP) is set to meet in Pittsburgh prior to the annual conference, as the association celebrates the completion and formal adoption of the new "Core-Plus" national boater education standards. In a complimentary but unrelated initiative, this year the association also released a new online dashboard which provides easy access to NASBLA's list of Approved Education Course Providers.

Finally, as we set the stage to return to more in-person meetings with this year's annual conference, we want to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the 19 individuals who successfully completed the curriculum for NASBLA's *10th Annual Leadership Academy*. Held earlier this summer at the association's new headquarters office in Lexington, Kentucky, as our first in-person gathering since the Alaska conference in 2019, the event provided a much-needed return to normalcy for staff and participants alike following last year's Academy hiatus.

My heartfelt thanks to all our members, staff and partners for persevering through these difficult times to meet and exceed high expectations and to continue to produce extraordinary outcomes in the face of exceptional challenges. Here's to an even better year ahead as we lean forward together to welcome unique opportunities with the launch of a new project year!

Respectfully,



John M. Johnson, CAE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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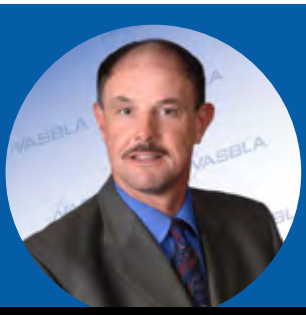
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2020 FINANCIALS

2020 REVENUE BREAKDOWN

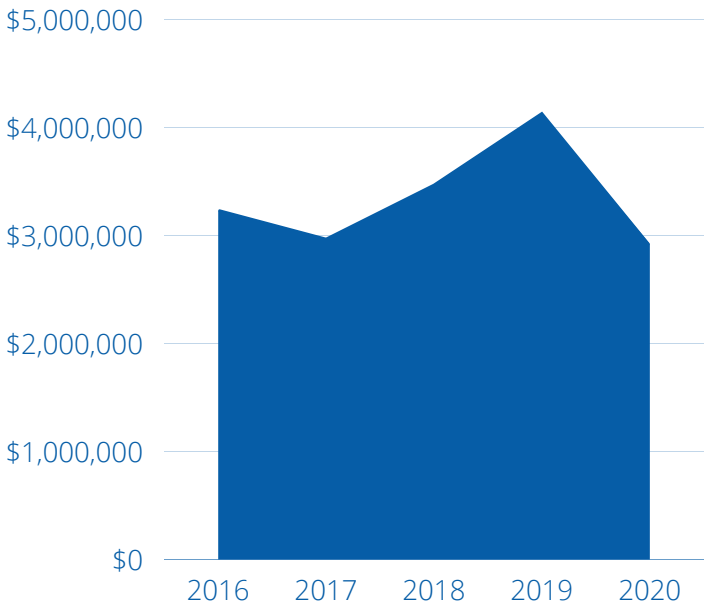
2020 Total	$2,922,992	
Federal Grants	$1,260,672	43%
Training Programs	$692,188	24%
Member Dues	$342,236	11%
Association Management	$46,140	2%
Sponsor Income	$27,500	1%
Rental Income	$287,223	10%
Other	$267,043	9%

2020 was a challenging year for NASBLA, as it was for most other institutions due to the worldwide pandemic. Revenues for 2020 were $2,922,992. The 29% decrease in revenue from 2019 is predominantly due to the postponement of most all BOAT Program training courses after COVID-19 travel restrictions took hold in March. Funding for several grant projects was also extended as expected meetings had to be cancelled or postponed. A full year of rental income from the headquarters building provided $287,223. Expenses for the year were $2,941,786, a 23% decrease from 2019. NASBLA ended 2020 with net assets of $842,168.

(Audited financial statements and the 2020 990 tax filing are available on the NASBLA website under the "About NASBLA" page.)

5-YEAR REVENUE

YEAR	REVENUE
2020	$2,922,992
2019	$4,133,907
2018	$3,469,679
2017	$2,968,888
2016	$3,232,179





NASBLA BOAT PROGRAM

OVER 2,200 FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINED IN THE LAST YEAR

Building upon its successful rebound from the courses cancelled due to COVID-19 in early 2020, the NASBLA Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program was able to deliver 138 courses safely and effectively through direct delivery, indirect delivery, grant, and USCG-led courses. All these courses were completed safely due to strict health and safety guidelines followed by students and instructors. Our NASBLA Instructor Credentialing Program cadre continues to grow with 25 Lead Instructors, 151 Credentialed Assistant Instructors and 88 instructors going through the 'break-in process,' mostly from NASBLA accredited agencies.

The BOAT Program Accreditation team is busy recertifying most of NASBLA's 26 current accredited agencies, and is in the process of granting accreditation to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. NASBLA's team has audited course deliveries of the Charleston Metro Marine Unit and the Massachusetts Environmental Police. The BOAT Program has seen a marked increase in deliveries to fire departments, and of the Fire Boat Small course. The Airboat Operator course has also been very popular this year.

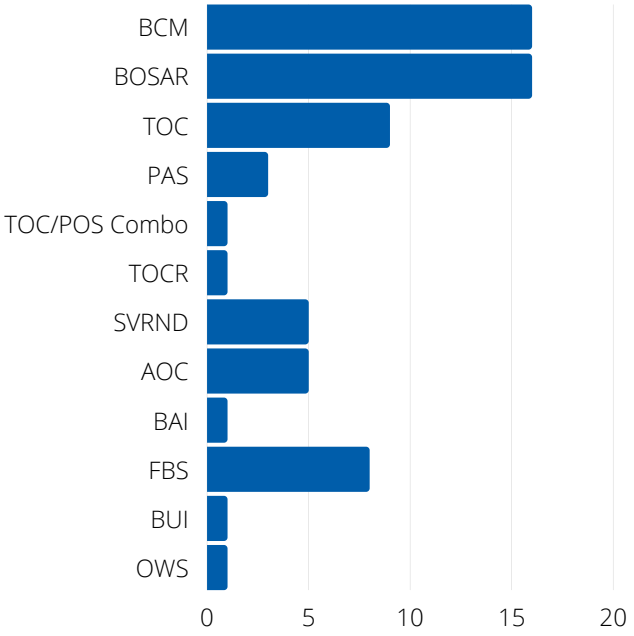
The BOAT Program plans on getting back in the pool with the Officer Water Survival (OWS) course! NASBLA had to stop delivering the direct delivery OWS courses due to COVID-19, but a few NASBLA accredited agencies were able to conduct OWS courses

RUNNING NUMBERS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

DIRECT DELIVERY COURSES

67 courses delivered

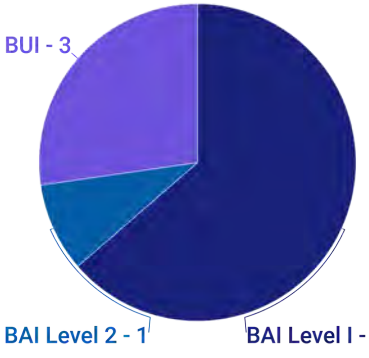
994 students trained



GRANT DELIVERY COURSES

11 courses delivered

372 students trained





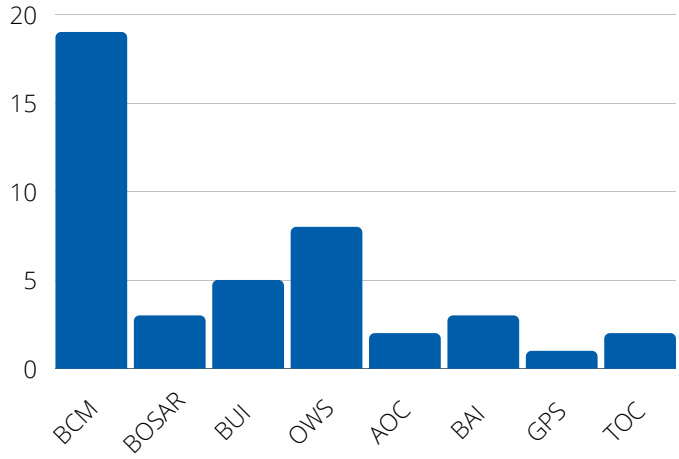
for their recruit training academies due to the ability to quarantine cadets. The BOAT Program is planning on hosting a few tuition-based Officer Water Survival (OWS) – Train the Trainer (TTT) courses this fall and next spring. Also, keep your eye out for a tuition-based Comprehensive Boat Accident Investigation (BAI) - Level I course early in 2022 to be hosted at NASBLA's new headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky. Our new facility has a state of the art training room and we are excited to begin using that space to deliver courses.

The BOAT Program team recently conducted its second pilot course for the Inland Boat Operator and Marine Patrol Fundamentals - Train the Trainer course. The course was developed for consistent training of solo inland marine patrol officers nationwide. The NASBLA BOAT Program is excited to begin offering this course after it's launch at the 2021 NASBLA Annual Conference!

INDIRECT DELIVERY COURSES - ACCREDITED AGENCIES

43
courses delivered

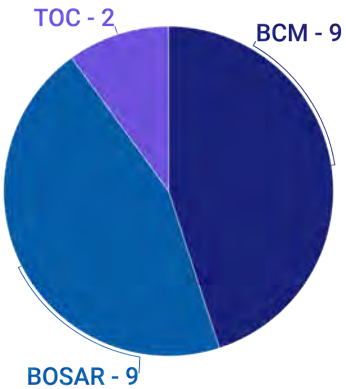
641
students trained



U.S. COAST GUARD DELIVERY COURSES

20
courses delivered

233
students trained



TRAINING TOTALS

RUNNING NUMBERS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

141
NASBLA BOAT Program courses delivered across the nation.

2,240
students trained by the NASBLA BOAT Program.

TOP 10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. STAFFING AGREEMENT WITH STATES ORGANIZATION FOR BOATING ACCESS

Launched a formal association management staffing agreement with the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA).

2. INLAND BOAT OPERATOR & MARINE PATROL FUNDAMENTALS TTT COURSE

The BOAT Program successfully beta tested and launched the new Inland Boat Operator & Marine Patrol Fundamentals Train-the-Trainer course (IBO&MPF-TTT).

3. NASBLA'S BOAT PROGRAM'S 27TH ACCREDITED AGENCY

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission becomes the BOAT Program's 27th Accredited agency.

4. NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION COLLABORATION

NASBLA worked in partnership with the National District Attorney's Association on a non-profit grant in the development of a training module to enhance courtroom preparation for officers and prosecutors of boating under the influence cases.

5. FIVE CORE PLUS STANDARDS

Five draft standards have completed the comment and review process and are being submitted to ANSI as American National Standards.

6. U. S. COAST GUARD HIN VALIDATION & VERIFICATION GUIDELINES

The NASBLA VIRT Committee worked with the U.S. Coast Guard (CG-BSX-2) to create the HIN Validation & Verification Guideline and PowerPoint to provide guidance and clarification on the HIN verification process.

7. VIRTUAL NASBLA STATE RBS WORKSHOP

NASBLA successfully hosted a virtual State Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Workshop with more than 150 state agency representatives and recreational boating safety professionals in attendance.

8. NASBLA POLICY COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The six NASBLA policy committees faced the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic head on and succeeded in delivering numerous products, resources and trainings in a completely virtual year.

9. NASBLA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HELD AT NASBLA HEADQUARTERS

The 2021 NASBLA Leadership Academy was the first major association event held in the new Lexington, KY headquarters with 19 academy students in attendance.

10. HOSTED THREE VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES

NASBLA, through its staffing agreements with the Life Jacket Association and the States Organization for Boating Access, produced two virtual annual conferences in 2021 in addition to the 2020 virtual NASBLA annual conference.









Committee, Panel & Advisory Board Reports

BOAT PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

Chair: Ken Ryan, *New Jersey State Police*
Click here for the full report.

Inland Boat Operator (TTT) Course: The BETA test of the new Inland Boat Operator's Train-the-Trainer course was successfully completed and the course will be unveiled at the 2021 Annual conference in Pittsburgh. Pending a final BETA test report to the BOAT Advisory Board, this course will soon be added to the BOAT Program course catalog.

BOAT Program Dashboard: The Board reviewed and approved a new visual dashboard and web portal for trainers to record classes delivered and students trained.



Inland Boat Operator Pilot Course

ENFORCEMENT & TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chair: Jason Luce, *Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife*
Click here for the full report.

Operation Dry Water: NASBLA's Operation Dry Water campaign was recognized by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) as a 2020 Gold Award Winner for excellence measured by an association's impact nationally. Considered the industry's highest honor, the award recognizes the association community's valuable contributions on the local, national and global levels. The "Power of A Awards" recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of associations and industry professionals who work tirelessly to solve problems, and strengthen lives, the workforce, the economy and the world.

National Training Survey: The National Training Survey was revised and distributed to the NASBLA membership. The survey results and committee conversations indicated that there remains a strong interest in micro-learning opportunities nationally.

Micro-Learning Development: In response to a contest established by the committee, member states submitted 12 new micro-learning videos. Finalists were selected by the committee and will be highlighted at the 2021 NASBLA Annual Conference. The winner and runner-up will receive gift cards generously donated by Kalkomey.

Engine Cut-Off Switch Wear: The committee distributed information to the membership regarding the recent federal requirement on ECOS wear as a part of the national defense bill which took effect on April 1, 2021. The committee plans to hold a work session on ECOS wear at the 2022 NASBLA State RBS Workshop and provide members with model policy recommendations in support for ECOS wear by law enforcement officers.

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EDUCATION STANDARDS PANEL (ESP)

Chair: Amanda Pérez, *BoatUS*
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Since the beginning of 2020, the Panel has completed the review and disposition of 292 public comments received during four or more distinct public review periods for five draft standards. The drafts are in a new Core - Plus format to improve consistency and uniformity of all standards for Basic Boating Knowledge and to help expedite the update process for all future standards. The five draft standards are:

- Basic Boating Knowledge – Core;
- Basic Boating Knowledge - Plus Human-Propelled;
- Basic Boating Knowledge - Plus Sailing;
- Basic Boating Knowledge - Plus Power; and
- Supplement: Plus Water-Jet Propelled.

The Panel is finalizing the standards for submission to ANSI as American National Standards. In addition, the Panel meets weekly to develop a comprehensive technical report providing necessary background on elements in each standard for use by course providers and educators.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chair: Stacey Brown, *Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources*
Click here for the full report.

New State Coordinator Orientation: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which suspended travel for most and left a gap in networking and live peer learning opportunities, the committee launched regularly scheduled "water cooler" virtual networking events. These meetings allowed the boating education community from across the nation to gather, share concerns and exchange thoughts and ideas in a convenient format.

NASBLA Education Policy Sections: Due to the proposed changes to the current American National Standard for Boating Education (ANSI/NASBLA 103-2016: Basic Boating Knowledge-Power), it was important that the NASBLA Policy for Basic Boating Education Course Approval be updated to reflect the proposed changes. Committee members meet weekly during this committee cycle to draft new policies and procedures for boating certification course approvals. This group is in the process of finalizing the first draft of this new document. Once completed, the document will be presented for input at the NASBLA Annual Conference to all boating education stakeholders.



Education & Outreach Committee Leadership

Reciprocity and National Database: Photos of state issued boating cards have been added to the state boating education dashboard maps. Boaters can click on a state and see the boating safety education requirements of that state.

Committee, Panel & Advisory Board Reports

ENGINEERING, REPORTING & ANALYSIS COMMITTEE (ERAC)

Chair: Seth Wagner, *Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*
Click here for the full report.

Recreational Boating Incident Reporting Policy Project: The committee hosted two national information sharing webinars with participation from the U.S. Coast Guards Boating Safety Division (BSX) for the purpose of educating the membership, or serving as a refresher, on the activity that took place in phase one of the USCG/STATES/NASBLA ERAC collaborative recreational boating incident reporting policy project. An additional session will be taking place as a general session at the 2021 NASBLA Annual Conference. The long-term goal of this project is more consistent, accurate, and viable incident report data gathered for use by the states and submitted by the states to the U.S. Coast Guard.

NASBLA Lighthouse: The Lighthouse was established as an accessible, online forum where users and producers of recreational boating data could gather to share data and successful practices, forego "reinventing the wheel," and locate viable resources and information applicable to their work. During this cycle the committee has continued to maintain and, in some cases, significantly update the Lighthouse and other committee-sponsored webpages.

National Recreational Boating Safety Participation & Exposure Survey Evaluation: The Coast Guard released the two survey reports in December 2020. The committee has been reviewing the survey methodology report, identified questions and received answers working in close concert with the CG-BSX staff. The committee continues to evaluate the results from the 2018 National Recreational Boating Safety Participation and Exposure Surveys (NRBSS) and develop products that can assist the states in practical application of the data to their RBS programs.

VESSEL IDENTIFICATION REGISTRATION & TITLING (VIRT) COMMITTEE

Chair: Darren Rider, *Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency*
Click here for the full report.

State Assigned HIN Policy: The committee worked with the U.S. Coast Guard to finalize the approval of the "State Assigned HIN Policy" and develop guidelines clarifying when a state assigned HIN should be assigned. Having a State Assigned HIN Policy creates consistency when a state assigned HIN is issued. It was announced at the 2020 Virtual NASBLA Conference that the Coast Guard policy had been signed, and notices of the policy were sent out to all BLA's in October 2020. VIRT followed up with emails to all BLA's and registration & titling contacts and posted it on nasbla.org. VIRT also worked with the U.S. Coast Guard to create the MIC "ABC" to be used only for presentations and examples. Based on federal guidelines, the "Production Year" will be replaced by the "Month/Year of Certification/Manufacturer" in all HIN examples and in HIN presentations.



Hull Identification Number (HIN)

Committee, Panel & Advisory Board Reports

USCG Issued "HQZ" Hull Identification Numbers: In collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard, the committee developed guidelines on how to notify states when the USCG issues a "HQZ" Hull Identification Number. The USCG has now made this a standard operating procedure that is now signed and went into effect February 2021.

VIRT Visual Dashboard: State registration fees and titling information is now posted on the State Titling & Registration Requirements Dashboard for each state/territory. The committee will continue to work with the states to update this information as needed.

Legacy HIN Documentation & Best Practice: The committee created a "Best Practice Document" for states to use as a guideline regarding legacy HINs. Additionally, the committee identified a best practice for including the legacy HIN on interstate documents to ensure the original HIN is not lost and is available for agencies/individuals investigating the history of the vessel. This is important in ensuring the history of the vessel is not lost and to help prevent stolen vessels being registered across state borders.

Standardizing the "Report of Certificate of Numbers Issued to Boats": An effort was launched to standardize the annual "Report of Certificate of Numbers Issued to Boats", required by the U.S. Coast Guard, into one form that all states will use to. The recommended new form was developed that would comply with the implementation of the regulatory changes in the Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Report Database, effective January 1, 2017. An article was published in NASBLA Weekly on the work being done. VIRT will work with the states on the transition and implementation of the new form once it is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

RBS FINANCE & GRANTS COMMITTEE

Chair: Tom Guess, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Click here for the full report.

Boating Safety Dollars at Work: Building on the work done by the committee in 2020, the committee continued to work on the Boating Safety Dollars at Work one-page document. This document serves as a customizable tool for states to use in promoting their program and its impact on the state.

Training: Based on membership feedback a list of topics were identified as priorities for training. The USCG BSX worked with the committee to develop content in these training topics. The USCG then provided grants training during the 2021 Virtual NASBLA State RBS Workshop. These presentation topics included Understanding Allowable Costs, Using the Budget Tool, Program Grant Reporting: Performance Report Part II, Reading the Allocation Table and Grant & Narrative Writing. Recordings of these presentations are now available on the NASBLA eLearning Center under "grants training". Based on the feedback and evaluations received, the USCG and NASBLA also identified RBS State Finance and Grants training topics which will be presented and discussed during the 2021 NASBLA Annual Conference.

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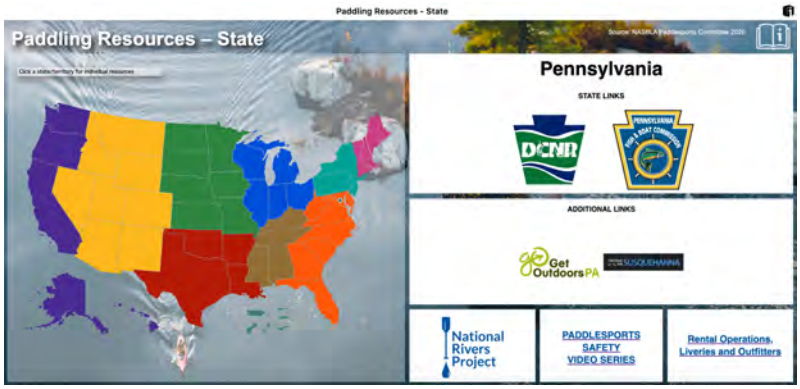
State Guide: The committee worked in great detail with the USCG BSX in reviewing and discussing what changes were expected to come in the next version of the State Guide following the state's comment package that was submitted in 2020. It became evident that much of what was taken out in creating the draft (prior to the state comment period) were sample report forms, CFR & U.S. Code references and copies of grant agreements. The committee felt that it is important that the resource documents that have been removed be archived where states can still easily access them, and they can be monitored if there is a need to updated them as new versions are available. The committee continues to work with the USCG on the outcomes of the state's comment package on the DRAFT State Guide.

PADDLESPORTS COMMITTEE

Chair: Kim Jackson, *Arizona Game & Fish Department*
Click here for the full report.

Data & Trends: The committee looked at the importance of connecting with new paddlers at the point of sale regarding safety messaging and created a PowerPoint that will be distributed to retailers for training. Additionally, a combined social media and advertising campaign with a simple, unified message has begun to take shape for liveries/retailers and others in the industry customize and cross-promote on social media.

Paddlecraft Access Inventory: The primary information gathered recommends places for appropriate access the waterways for canoes, kayaks, or paddleboards for a safe and enjoyable experience on the water. The data gathered gives suggested water trails and float trip destinations. This tool is incorporated into the Paddling Resource Dashboard posted on the NASBLA website. The NASBLA Paddling Resource Dashboard also has a link to the National Rivers Project developed by the River Management Society, a series of paddlesports safety video clips and a link to a collection of rental operations, liveries and outfitters, provided by Rental Boat Safety.



Paddling Resource Dashboard

Microlearning: Creating new and innovative professional development strategies was at the forefront of this charge. Committee members created a sample script for law enforcement agencies to use in the production of their own microlearning video for training officers on how to assist in a paddlesports rescue. Connecticut's DEEP and Arizona's Department of Game and Fish produced a sample videos using the suggested script and following the guidelines for a two-officer and single officer paddlecraft rescue respectively.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 RBS GRANTS



As a result of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Nonprofit Organization Recreational Boating Safety Grant Program applications, NASBLA was awarded funding for ten grant projects, detailed below. The time period for these grants are July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.

BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COURSES

Even though the pandemic has had a major effect on travel and in-person meetings nationwide, NASBLA successfully and safely conducted six Boating Accident Investigation (BAI) courses funded through this grant.

BOATING SAFETY DASHBOARDS

The Boating Safety Dashboards project offers data for evidence-based program enhancements. This is facilitated by providing up-to-date, easily accessible, statistical information in a visual format to advise program decision-makers with evidence needed for policy refinements and program planning. This grant project provides NASBLA members with a portal for program measurement and analysis. Among new dashboards created this year were Boating Under the Influence, Paddling Resources by State, and seven new Reference Guide dashboards that provide information about specific state boating laws, regulations, and other areas of boating safety interest.

BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE DETECTION AND ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

NASBLA conducted three Boating Under the Influence Detection and Enforcement Train-the-Trainer courses and two Officer courses funded through this grant, despite delays and the need to reschedule numerous courses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. NASBLA is currently finalizing the new Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) online training program, which will be up and running in fall 2021.

BUI AWARENESS & ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN: OPERATION DRY WATER

Over the course of the three-day heightened awareness and enforcement weekend, July 2 – 4, 2021, 575 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies participated in the Operation Dry Water campaign. From these agencies, 7,518 law enforcement officers conducted patrols resulting in a total of 638 boating under the influence (BUI) arrests. The highest recorded blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was nearly four times the legal limit at .351 percent. Officers also made contact with more than 325,000 boaters while patrolling our nation's waterways.



North Dakota Game & Fish Department
2021 Operation Dry Water

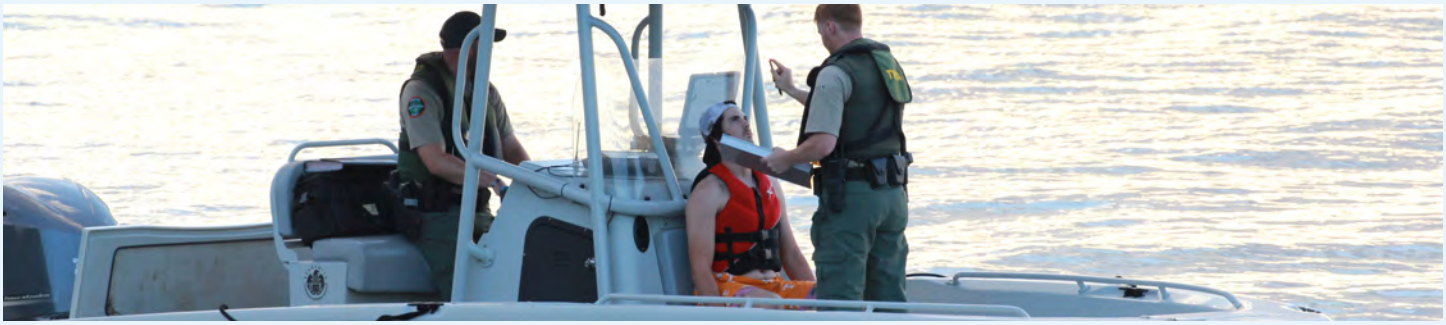
DEVELOPMENT OF BOATING ACCIDENT STANDARDS OF INVESTIGATION

Boating Accident Standards of Investigation will be established following ANSI's Essential Requirements for developing voluntary standards. Formalizing the methods and processes of boating incident investigation and reporting will improve consistency across reporting agencies.

A one-year extension was granted by the Coast Guard as the COVID-19 pandemic delayed work. NASBLA is currently building the standard development team and foresees the project completion in 2022.

BOAT OCCUPANT INJURY SURVEILLANCE TIER 2

In Tier 2, an Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) was formed to conduct a detailed investigation of identified data issues that adversely impact boat occupant injury surveillance and to offer specific technical solutions. The group has been looking at creating data definitions and standards across data sources; determining recommended data sources to monitor recreational boating-related injuries; utilizing and integrating existing data sources and geographical mapping tools to obtain a complete picture of fatal and non-fatal recreational boating-related injuries; addressing key limitations and barriers in the collection and use of injury surveillance data; and, identifying key opportunities for improving and standardizing public health surveillance to prevent boat occupant-related injuries.



Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officers conduct the seated battery of standardize field sobriety testing (SFST) during the 2021 Operation Dry Water weekend.

EFFECTIVELY PROSECUTING BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CASES: ENHANCED TRAINING FOR COURTROOM PREPARATION

NASBLA successfully secured a non-profit grant to collaborate with the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) in the development of a training module. This training would enhance courtroom preparation for prosecutors of boating under the influence (BUI) cases brought forth by state and local officers. This project will bridge the gap between successful and unsuccessful prosecution of BUI by assisting prosecutors in better preparing law enforcement officers for courtroom testimony. This training, in preparation for the adjudication of BUI cases, will strengthen officers' ability to successfully recall and communicate to a judge and jury the facts and informed opinions that resulted in the decision to arrest made by the officer. To accomplish this, NASBLA will collaborate with NDAA to create an integrated prosecution.

The, soon-to-be released, 3-hour "Courtroom Preparation Module" will supplement NASBLA's existing BUI training curriculum to improve outcomes nationwide in the effective prosecution of BUI cases.

LIFE JACKET WEBSITE - PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR RBS PROFESSIONALS & THE BOATING PUBLIC

The purpose of this project is to support and assist the state and territory recreational boating safety programs in educating the boating public about the importance of life jacket wear, a life jackets role in mitigating the inherent risks associated with boating, what types of life jackets are available, the intended uses of different life jackets as guided by the legacy and newly released U.S. Coast Guard life jacket labels, and the legal requirements associated with life jacket wear that vary by state. The deliverable for this project is a publicly accessible website that serves as a comprehensive and verified knowledge base for the RBS professional (state, federal, nonprofit and industry) to access information, resources and training regarding life jacket harmonization, type approval and labeling. The website will also provide verified information to the boating public directly, and serve as an additional resource for RBS professional to refer to when educating recreational boaters.

NATIONAL BOATING EDUCATION STANDARDS

Under the leadership of Panel Chair Amanda Pérez, the National Boating Education Standards Panel completed the disposition of comments received during three public review periods for five draft standards following a new "Core-Plus" model. The five drafts are:

- NASBLA 100-20XX: Basic Boating Knowledge – Core
- NASBLA 101-20XX: Basic Boating Knowledge - Plus Human Propelled
- NASBLA 102-20XX: Basic Boating Knowledge - Plus Sailing
- NASBLA 103-20XX: Basic Boating Knowledge - Plus Power
- NASBLA 103.1-20XX: Supplement: Plus Water-Jet Propelled

The draft standards will be submitted to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for recognition as American National Standards in late 2021. The NASBLA Executive Board appoints members of the Panel for three-year staggered terms representing five interest categories.

STANDARDIZING STATE RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY STATUTES & REGULATIONS: NASBLA & THE STATES

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NASBLA EVENTS



2020 BOAT Program National Instructor Development Workshop



Mike Neal
2019 Instructor of the Year

BOAT PROGRAM NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The 2020 Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program Instructor Development Workshop was held in Lexington, Kentucky, March 10 – 11, 2020. Over the course of the two days, instructors learned about new advances in adult learning, science of learning advancements, and much more. Instructors also reviewed information including BOAT Program health policies, risk management procedures, possible mishaps, and how to avoid them.

Each year, NASBLA recognizes the BOAT Program Instructor of the Year at the Instructor Workshop. In 2019, the Instructor of the Year Award was presented to Patrick "Mike" Neal for his exceptional performance of duties and responsibilities within the NASBLA BOAT Program. Mike Neal has been instrumental in the growth and success of NASBLA's Boat Accident Investigation (BAI) Course program. He has been a NASBLA Lead Instructor for over 15 years, overseeing the delivery of more than 30 BAI courses across the country and training over 800 students in the national standard of training. Neal is one of the longest standing credentialed BAI Instructors in the nation.

Additionally, NASBLA's industry partners are invited to present their products and recent advancements to the instructors to ensure that they are well-versed in the products that are available. Some of the industry partners included in this year's event were FLIR Marine and First Watch. The 2021 BOAT Program Instructor Development Workshop will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, December 7 – 9.

STATE RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY (RBS) WORKSHOP

The 2021 NASBLA State Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Workshop was held virtually from March 23 – 25, 2021. More than 150 state agency representatives and recreational boating safety professionals attended the three-day meeting, including boating law administrators, education coordinators, enforcement coordinators and members of the U.S. Coast Guard. Over the course of the event, attendees had the opportunity to hear about updates on the Incident Reporting Project and the State Guide, the new federal legislation on mandatory engine cut-off switch wear for recreational boaters and training on useful tools and resources states use in state RBS program management. This annual meeting provides boating authorities an opportunity to attend sessions on current and emerging issues affecting boating program management and engage in open dialogue with their colleagues on topics specific to state recreational boating safety programs.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

NASBLA hosted its tenth annual Leadership Academy, June 13 - 18, in Lexington, Kentucky. This year, 19 students attended the Academy and had the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics geared toward the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) community. Attendees were presented with information on topics including: the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division, NASBLA BOAT Program, lessons in leadership, boater education and tips for working with their state legislature. Additionally, students were able to participate in an on-water paddlesports experience at Elkhorn Creek to discuss how the growth of the paddling community would impact their state programs. Graduates of the class will be recognized at the NASBLA Annual Conference during the business meeting on September 28 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The NASBLA Leadership Academy is designed to create learning opportunities through which participants experience events with others, actively participate in dialogue, see examples and connect with peers in a cohort learning environment. This program seeks to develop a broad understanding of our diverse community while offering an 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.

OPERATION DRY WATER

Over the July 4th holiday weekend, July 2 – 4, law enforcement agencies and officers across the United States took part in the 2021 Operation Dry Water campaign. During the three-day heightened enforcement and awareness weekend, 575 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies were on heightened alert for those in violation of boating under the influence laws and other boating safety infractions. From these agencies, 7,518 law enforcement officers conducted patrols resulting in a total of 638 boating under the influence (BUI) arrests. The highest recorded blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was nearly four times the legal limit at 0.351 percent. Officers also made contact with more than 320,000 boaters while patrolling our nation's waterways.

The Operation Dry Water campaign is held annually over the three-day weekend nearest to July 4th, a holiday known for dangerous and deadly incidents related to drug and alcohol use on the water. The campaign facilitates increased public awareness of the dangers associated with impaired boating and the heightened enforcement of boating under the influence laws.

2021 Leadership Academy Class



Leadership Academy Paddling Trip



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission



2020 Operation Dry Water Awards



Conservation Officer Jarred Coffing
2020 Operation Dry Water
Officer of the Year

OPERATION DRY WATER OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Operation Dry Water Officer of the Year is Conservation Officer Jarred Coffing from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Over the Operation Dry Water three-day heightened awareness and enforcement weekend, Conservation Officer Jarred Coffing made five arrests for boating under the influence. Officer Coffing not only conducts thorough investigations, but also submits detailed and professional reports, resulting in convictions in nearly all of his cases. He is committed to making Indiana's waterways a safe place for everyone in his area of responsibility. Officer Coffing has a passion for BUI prevention and is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that boaters on the water are safe.

TOP AGENCY AWARD: SMALL, MEDIUM & LARGE

The 2020 **Small Category Top Agency** award is awarded to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department from the state of California. Over the course of the three-day heightened enforcement weekend, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deployed three officers and made 18 boating under the influence arrests. We'd like to recognize the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for their continued commitment to keeping our waterways safe by actively addressing boating under the influence throughout their area of responsibility.

The **Medium Category Top Agency** award goes to the Illinois Conservation Police. During the three-day Operation Dry Water weekend, the Illinois Conservation Police deployed 70 officers and made 20 boating under the influence arrests. We'd like to thank the Illinois Conservation Police for their year-round dedication to BUI prevention and their efforts to make Illinois waters safer for their community.

The **Large Category Top Agency** award for 2020 is presented to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Over the course of the Operation Dry Water weekend, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission deployed 165 officers and made 59 boating under the influence arrests. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission continues to save lives on the water by removing impaired operators and educating boaters about the dangers of BUI and other boating safety hazards.

MEDIA AWARD

The 2020 Operation Dry Water Media Award is presented to the First Coast Guard District's Public Affairs Team. The First Coast Guard District's Public Affairs Team masterfully employed five social media platforms and provided input and support to 42 Facebook pages managed by subordinate units. The staff's creative and successful media outreach campaign reached 3.2 million people on social media, generating more than 71,000 engagements. Working closely with federal, state and local law-enforcement partners, the First Coast Guard District team engaged and informed the boating public on the dangers of boating under the influence, while emphasizing general boating safety.

NASBLA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS MEETING







NASBLA held the 2020 business meeting and annual conference, for the first time virtually, from the Lexington, Kentucky, headquarters, Sept. 28 – 30.

The NASBLA Business Meeting on Sept. 28, 2020, covered a variety of topics including a report from the U.S. Coast Guard, policy committee reports and the election of the slate of officers. Captain Timothy Dunleavy was elected Chairman of the nonprofit organization for the 2020-2021 year. Lieutenant Kenton Turner was elected Vice Chair and Major Dan Hesket was elected Treasurer. The virtual business meeting was attended by 48 boating law administrators (BLAs) from across the nation.

For the first-ever NASBLA Virtual Annual Conference, more than 300 individuals registered to attend the event. The annual conference sessions took place Sept. 29 – 30, 2020. NASBLA received overwhelmingly positive feedback from sponsors and attendees in regards to the production and presentation of the virtual event.

At the conference, a variety of breakout sessions were featured in the agenda, similar to what one would find at an in-person annual conference. Panel discussions were held on the topics of wake-related activities and potential changes to federal regulations regarding throw bags and type IV throwables. Several sessions, including Time, Distance and Shielding – Seated Field Sobriety Testing Best Practices and Pandemic Boating Education – Virtual Boating Classes Set Sail were timely given adaptations that are having to be made across the recreational boating community since the onset of COVID-19.



2020 NASBLA NATIONAL AWARDS

In 2020, because the annual conference was held virtually, NASBLA hosted individual virtual award recognition ceremonies to show our appreciation to all of the 2020 NASBLA award winners.

DR. L. DANIEL MAXIM AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The 2020 Maxim Award for Distinguished Service is presented to **Pete Chisholm** with Mercury Marine. Pete Chisholm has been involved with NASBLA for a number of years in various capacities. He has served on NASBLA's Engineering, Reporting & Analysis (ERAC) Committee, has provided technical assistance upon request, and works diligently in collaboration with NASBLA's BOAT Program. Chisholm has been on the forefront of conducting validating research to further the accuracy and court defendability of utilizing engine control unit data in crash reconstruction. This exceptional work has assisted in the prosecution of crimes and allows Mercury Marine to have a better understanding of the product operation, prior to, during, and after an incident. Chisholm continues to strive for better product development through safer designs of boating equipment to make the activity safer for all boaters.

BOATING SAFETY AWARD

The 2020 Boating Safety Award is presented to **Corporal Stacey Mosher** with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In 1994, Corporal Mosher started her boating safety journey as a member of the 26th recruit class of the Missouri State Water Patrol. After graduation, Corporal Mosher was assigned to Lake of the Ozarks and has spent the majority of her career as an officer assigned to the Lake of the Ozarks region. While assigned to the water, Corporal Mosher was active with local charities, the Water Safety Council, peer support teams, volunteer organizations, and engaged with local citizens and businesses. Throughout her water career, Corporal Mosher has set a positive example enforcing the boating laws of Missouri and became a valuable marine training officer for numerous marine troopers.

Pete Chisholm
Maxim Award for Distinguished Service



Corporal Stacey Mosher
Boating Safety Award





Lieutenant Derek Wallin
Chair Award



Caroline Mantel
NASBLA Award



Captain Scott Johnson
Garner Leadership Award

CHAIR AWARD

The 2020 NASBLA Chair Award recipient is **Lieutenant Derek Wallin** with USCG Station Fort Lauderdale. Lt. Wallin committed four years to the BOAT Program Advisory Board as the Coast Guard's Field Representative. As Commander of Station Ft. Lauderdale, Lt. Wallin assisted NASBLA's state agencies in training more than 420 marine patrol officers in the national boat operation standards, resulting in more than $1,000,000 in no-cost training to our state and local partners. In addition to his support for the management and implementation of BOAT Program courses, Lt. Wallin's oversight and initiative have also led to the development of important new micro-learning training videos to provide skill-based instruction for maritime law enforcement and other first responders.

NASBLA AWARD

The 2020 NASBLA Award recipient is **Caroline Mantel**, Director of Business Development for Boat History Report. Mantel serves as the vice chair for NASBLA's Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling (VIRT) Committee and has been a committee member for a number of years. Not only is she an active member of the VIRT Committee, but she has also given various presentations at both the NASBLA Annual Conference and State RBS Workshop. Mantel is passionate about making sure that boaters are better informed in their decisions to purchase used watercraft in an effort to protect against the purchase of stolen boats or those with hidden damage. Her tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. Mantel consistently brings her enthusiasm, energy and ideas to the recreational boating community to help make the boating experience safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

WILLIAM B. GARNER LEADERSHIP AWARD

NASBLA presented the William B. Garner Leadership Award to **Captain Scott Johnson** during the summer of 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. In the relatively brief time that Capt. Johnson served in this post of the U.S. Coast Guard, he worked tirelessly to overhaul and transform the relationship between the U.S. Coast Guard and the state boating safety agencies. Through his personal efforts to listen and learn more about the state boating programs, both collectively and individually, Capt. Johnson demonstrated indispensable leadership in rebuilding and re-energizing this vital federal/state partnership in recreational boating safety. For NASBLA and the states, there are multiple program and policy areas where Capt. Johnson's priorities have been most evident and effective. Among these included key revisions and a very timely update to a new, modernized NASBLA-USCG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to guide our efforts over the next five years.

Of the utmost importance to the states, the Coast Guard and the National RBS Program, Capt. Johnson was instrumental in and personally engaged with a multi-year, collaborative *Boating Incident Reporting Project*, to completely revamp the accident reporting system for boating safety. In further efforts to modernize the office and its outreach to state partners, under Capt. Johnson's oversight, the Boating Safety Division worked to update the *State Guide*, the principle Coast Guard publication that provides compliance grant guidance for the states.

PAMELA S. DILLON BOATING EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

The 2020 **Northern Region Educator of the Year** award recipient is **Richard Werner** of Safe Boating America. Richard Werner is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed Master and the owner of Safe Boating America, a safety education company based out of Bethpage, New York. Over the course of the past 16 years, Werner has delivered boating education to over 12,000 students in more than 350 sessions.

Sergeant Brad Stoop, of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), has been named the **Southern Region Educator of the Year** for 2020. Sgt. Stoop began his career with the NCWRC Law Enforcement Division in March of 2000. In 2006, Sgt. Stoop began teaching the standardized field sobriety testing procedure with a team of outstanding instructors. Since that time, Sgt. Stoop has had the opportunity to attend the NASBLA Instructor Seated Battery course. He and the team of instructors have been able to take this curriculum across the state and present it to all NCWRC officers.



Aaron Meier
National Educator of the Year

The 2020 **Western Region and National Educator of the Year** award recipient is **Aaron Meier** of the Nevada Department of Wildlife. Since taking over the boating education program, Meier has completely changed the way that the state promotes boating safety and education. His efforts led to a 13% increase in the number of boater education certificates awarded in 2019. Over the past two years, Nevada has seen a 33% increase in the number of boater education certificates awarded to boaters.

BOATING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

Trooper Chad Juenker, of the New York State Police (NYSP), has been named the 2020 **Northern Region Officer of the Year**. For the past 15 years, Trooper Juenker's dedication to boating safety across New York state has contributed significantly to the state's overall effort to make the waterways safer for all boaters. Tpr. Juenker is now responsible for the operation of department vessels to include a 36' Munson, 19' Whalers, 10' Sea Doo personal watercraft and others. His versatility with field assignments and watercrafts has made him indispensable to the marine patrol unit of the NYSP.

Sergeant Jared Jones, the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, has been named the 2020 **Western Region Officer of the Year**. Since the beginning of his career, Sgt. Jones has been active in the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation's law enforcement training programs. He has served as an instructor for various courses including firearms, defensive tactics, and more. Sgt. Jones is a leader in BUI enforcement and arrests on the water.



Corporal John Bunting
National Officer of the Year

The 2020 **Southern Region and National Officer of the Year** award recipient is **Corporal John Bunting** with the Maryland Natural Resources Police. In 2019, Cpl. Bunting responded to 830 calls for service, made contact with 760 recreational vessels, issued 737 safety violations, and completed 46 incident reports. Throughout the year, Corporal Bunting made a total of 32 custodial arrests - 17 of which were for Boating Under the Influence (BUI).



FISCAL YEAR 2022 RBS GRANTS

Among the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' (NASBLA) core values is collaboration with a broad community of stakeholders. To help move the association forward, NASBLA works annually to construct nonprofit grant project proposals to meet the needs of members through research, training, innovation and standards development. As a result of the Fiscal Year 2022 National Nonprofit Organization Recreational Boating Safety Grant Program applications, NASBLA was awarded funding for seven grant projects, detailed below. Each of these projects is intended to support members and stakeholders in a coordinated effort to make our nation's waterways safer. The time period for these grants is July 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2022.

BOAT OCCUPANT INJURY SURVEILLANCE TIER 2-B

This grant project will focus on using a public health approach to enhance boat occupant injury surveillance, prevent occupant injuries and enhance safety. The Boat Occupant Injury Surveillance workgroup is working to aid the state recreational boating programs and the U.S. Coast Guard to improve data collection efforts – particularly as it pertains to recreational boating injuries. There are three primary strategies including expanding data collection, providing program professionals with access to actionable data, and engaging the recreational boating community to participate in an evidence-based approach to implementing a comprehensive, meaningful data collection program.

BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COURSES

NASBLA has been awarded funding to conduct three Level I – Comprehensive Boating Accident Investigation courses and one Level II – Advanced Boating Accident Investigation course in Fiscal Year 2022. The Level I – Comprehensive courses will be conducted at three state agency locations and the Level II – Advanced course will be conducted on November 1-5, 2021, at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Havana, Florida. If your agency is interested in hosting a Level I - Comprehensive course, please contact Chris Moore.

BOATING SAFETY DASHBOARDS

The Boating Safety Dashboards project offers data for evidence-based program enhancements. This is facilitated by providing up-to-date, accessible, statistical information in a visual format to advise program decision-makers with evidence needed for policy refinements and program planning. This grant project provides NASBLA members with a portal for program measurement and analysis.

BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE DETECTION & ENFORCEMENT COURSES

This grant provides support for NASBLA to conduct targeted trainings to combat boating under the influence of alcohol (BUI) and drugs (BUI-D). NASBLA will conduct one Boating Under the Influence Officer course and three Boating Under the Influence Train-the-Trainer courses in Fiscal Year 2022. The BUI Officer course is designed for marine law enforcement officers and officials from federal, state, county, local and tribal agencies who wish to gain baseline knowledge in the seated battery of BUI Detection and Enforcement. The Train-the-Trainer course focuses on taking an officer who has already developed instruction skills and preparing them to instruct each of the four NASBLA BUI courses. If your agency is interested in hosting either of these courses, please contact Chris Moore.

BUI AWARENESS & ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN: OPERATION DRY WATER

For the fourteenth year, grant funding will be used to deliver the Operation Dry Water (ODW) campaign. Operation Dry Water is a year-round boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign. The mission of ODW is to reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the water. NASBLA will engage with local, state and federal law enforcement partners as well as outreach partners across the nation to help educate boaters about the dangers associated with boating under the influence and to facilitate the coordinated effort to remove impaired operators from our nation's waterways.

NATIONAL BOATING EDUCATION STANDARDS

This grant project supports the work of the National Boating Education Standards Panel (ESP) implementing the proposed 2021 revised American National Standards for Basic Boating Knowledge. Included in this project is the publication of a revised Core-Plus Technical Report incorporating Core, Human-Propelled, Sailing, Power, and Water-Jet Propelled into a single support document to advance the use of the standards by educators of the boating public.

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In furtherance of this important role, this grant assists NASBLA in partnering with and supporting the states, the U.S. Coast Guard and the recreational boating safety (RBS) community in standardizing state recreational boating safety statutes, regulations and policies. NASBLA accomplishes this by developing and updating model state boating safety policies, standards, best practices, and guidance for their administration and enforcement, effectively communicating those to the states and other partners and providing hands-on coordination of state efforts and cooperative environments where state officials can discuss management of the RBS programs.

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Strategic Partners

KALKOMEY

Kalkomey is all about creating outdoor enthusiasts. Kalkomey's platform connects millions of people with the outdoors every year. Established in 1995, Kalkomey partnered with state agencies to provide boater education. As Kalkomey's industry and product expertise advanced, and at the request of its clients, Kalkomey began to offer more than education. Today, Kalkomey offers an entire suite of integrated web applications designed to connect people with the outdoors.

Equipment Partners

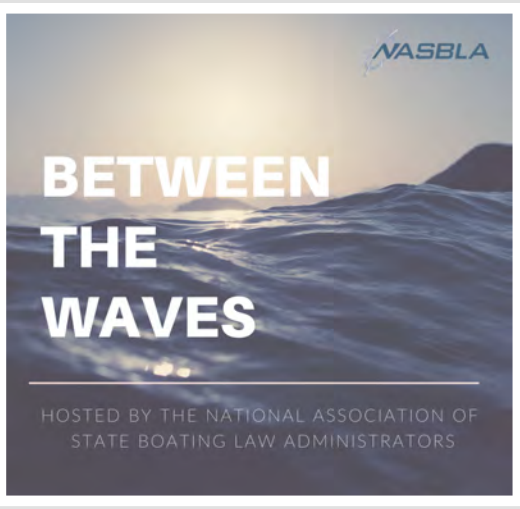
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