

2025 NASBLA Annual Conference
Des Moines Marriott Downtown
700 Grand Avenue | Des Moines, IA 50309

**Monday,
September 15, 2025**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm NASBLA Executive Board Meeting
Dubuque

8:00 am – 5:00 pm National Boating Standards Panel Meeting
Iowa Ballroom G/H

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Networking
Windows (Lobby Level)

**Tuesday,
September 16, 2025**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm National Boating Standards Panel Meeting
Iowa Ballroom G/H

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration Open
Ballroom Foyer

10:00 am – 11:00 am First Time Attendee Orientation
Dubuque

10:00 am – 12:00 pm State Education Water Cooler Meeting
Council Bluffs

11:00 am – 12:00 pm New Boating Law Administrator (BLA) Orientation
Cedar Rapids

12:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Exhibitor Setup <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	NASBLA State Membership Meeting <i>NASBLA State Members only.</i> <i>Cedar Rapids</i>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Membership Meeting <i>Dubuque</i>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies (<i>Business Attire</i>) <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Chair's Reception (<i>Business Attire</i>) <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Networking <i>Windows (Lobby Level)</i>
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibits Open <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast with Exhibitors <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>
7:30 am – 1:00 pm	Registration Open <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>

8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours with U.S. Coast Guard’s Boating Safety Division (CG-BSX-2) <i>Windows (Lobby Level)</i>
8:30 am – 8:35 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i>
8:35 am – 9:15 am	Long-Distance Leadership <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Chris Jones, Boating Law Administrator, New Jersey State Police, Marine Services Bureau
9:15 am – 10:00 am	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, Building a Reasonably Safe Product <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Pete Chisholm, Mercury Marine, ABYC Technical Board Chair
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break with Exhibitors <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>
10:15 am – 10:45 am Breakout / Training Sessions	Entry Level Training: How Much is Too Much? <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Jason Russo, Boating Law Administrator, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Ser Captain <i>Davenport</i> Brian Rehwinkel, Boating Safety Outreach and Education Coordinator, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Mark Chanski, Education Director, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)

10:15 am – 10:45 am Breakout / Training Sessions	Vessel Identification Systems <i>Dubuque</i> Kristin Williams, RBS Specialist, Program Management and Operations Branch (CG-BSX-21)
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Results of the Waterway Management Survey - Recommendations for State Consideration <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Peter Francis, Boating Law Administrator, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Boat Incident Report Narratives - How Good Narratives Lead to Better Analysis <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Stacey Brown, Boating Law Administrator, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Josh Landrum, Boating Investigator, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (<i>on own</i>)
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Business Meeting (<i>Business Attire</i>) <i>Iowa Ballroom EFGH</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Reception <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Off-Site Event: Explore ICON Water Trails <i>Sponsored by Iowa DNR</i>
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Networking <i>Windows (Lobby Level)</i>

**Thursday,
September 18, 2025**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm Exhibits Open
Des Moines Exhibit Hall

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast with Exhibitors
Des Moines Exhibit Hall

7:30 am – 12:00 pm Registration Open
Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Office Hours with U.S. Coast Guards Boating Safety Division
(CG-BSX-2)
Windows (Lobby Level)

8:30 am – 9:15 am **U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division Update**
Iowa Ballroom ABCD

Verne Gifford, Division Chief, U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety
Division (CG-BSX-2)

9:15 am – 9:45 am **Navigating Insights: Understanding the National Recreational
Boating Safety Survey (NRBSS)**
Iowa Ballroom ABCD

Lindsey Witt-Swanson, Senior Research Director, NORC at the
University of Chicago

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Flood Response**
Breakout / Training *Iowa Ballroom ABCD*
Sessions Greg Harson, Captain, Iowa Department of Natural Resources,
Law Enforcement Bureau

Seth Snow, Boating Investigator, Tennessee Wildlife Resources
Agency

10:00 am – 10:30 am
**Breakout / Training
Sessions**

Responding to Cold Water Immersion Incidents

Davenport

Joe McCullough, Boating Law Administrator, Alaska Office of Boating Safety

Presenter's Guide to Paddlesport Safety: Kayak

Dubuque

Virgil Chambers, Charge Leader, Paddling Course & Instructor Proposal

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break with Exhibitors

Des Moines Exhibit Hall

10:45 am – 11:15 am
**Breakout / Training
Sessions**

All Things ECOS

Iowa Ballroom ABCD

Jerad Bluem, Game Warden, North Dakota Game and Fish Department

Smart Start for Safe Paddling

Dubuque

Kelsey Bracewell, Director of Education, Insurance, and Membership, American Canoe Association (ACA)

Pam Dillon, Project Specialist, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)

Virgil Chambers, IBO Program Co-Manager, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)

New Hull Identification Number (HIN) PowerPoint

Davenport

Caroline Mantel, Director of Business Development, Boat History Report

Will Hillyer, RBS Specialist, Recreational Boating Product Assurance Branch (CG-BSX-23)

11:30 am – 12:00 pm	ROI Measuring Results of Funded Programs <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Peg Phillips, Executive Director, National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Ken Waldron, Producer & Creative Director, National Safe Boating Council (NSBC)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (<i>on own</i>)
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Feasibility Study with Duquesne University – ADVs a Private Enterprise? <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Mark Sweppenhiser, Boating Law Administrator, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Breakout / Training Sessions	The Human Element of Thorough Investigations <i>Davenport</i> Roy Smith, Boating Investigator, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) Inflatable Life Jackets: Operation and Maintenance Essentials for Boating Safety Professionals <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i> Lili Colby, Industry and Outreach Representative, Mustang Survival Finance & Grants Crosswalk <i>Dubuque</i> Al Johnson, Boating Law Administrator, Vermont State Police, Marine Division, Department of Public Safety
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Break with Exhibitors <i>Des Moines Exhibit Hall</i>

3:30 pm Exhibitor Breakdown
 Des Moines Exhibit Hall

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Marine Evidence Recovery Team**
Breakout / Training *Iowa Ballroom ABCD*
Sessions Grant Brown, Boating Law Administrator, Colorado Parks and
 Wildlife

 Brian Phillips, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

 Boat Safety Education at the Illinois High School Association Bass
 Fishing State Tournament
 Davenport
 Ben Fowler, CEO & Founder, PARKS360

 Unlocking Electronic Vehicle Titling: Streamlining Vehicle Title
 Management
 Dubuque
 Paul Steier, Director, Vehicle Programs and Services, American
 Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm **Practical Marine Fire Investigations for First Responders**
Breakout / Training *Dubuque*
Sessions Glen Lawson, Certified Marine Investigator, International
 Association of Marine Investigators

 Iowa's Seasonal Water Patrol Program - A Recruitment Tool
 Iowa Ballroom ABCD
 Shawn Meier, Captain, Iowa Department of Natural Resources -
 Law Enforcement Division

 Matt Bruner, Captain, Iowa Department of Natural Resources -
 Law Enforcement Division

 Knowledge Retention Grant
 Davenport
 Mark Chanski, Education Director, National Association of State
 Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies <i>Iowa Ballroom ABCD</i>
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5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Awards Ceremony <i>Iowa Ballroom EFGH</i>
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September 9, 2025*