



Each year more than **83 MILLION** Americans enjoy our nation's rivers, lakes and oceans through recreational boating. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) strives to ensure that every outing is safe and enjoyable.

“The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) is one of the Coast Guard’s most valued partners in reducing risks to recreational boaters. Thanks to their many efforts, we have collectively reduced the number of annual deaths from a high of 1,754 in 1973 to a low of 676 in 2004.”

- Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard



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NASBLA's mission is to strengthen the ability of the state and territorial boating authorities to reduce death, injury and property damage associated with recreational boating and ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable boating environment.

NASBLA is a national, nonprofit 501(c)(3) association of the recreational boating safety administrators from each state and territory in the United States.

For partnership and sponsorship opportunities, contact
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**SAVING LIVES
ON THE WATER**

OFFICER TRAINING

Through cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard, NASBLA conducts comprehensive and advanced levels of boating accident investigation courses each year throughout the United States. Curbing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities is at the heart of achieving safer and more enjoyable recreational boating. NASBLA conducts boating under the influence (BUI) detection and enforcement courses each year to address this important safety issue. Through the Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program, NASBLA is setting the standard for interoperability between local, state and federal agencies, advancing security on the nation's waterways.



SAFETY ADVOCACY

NASBLA has consistently worked for greater safety measures in recreational boating such as improvements in aids to navigation, personal flotation devices (life jackets), boat and engine design, and navigation lights.

LAWS, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Reciprocity and uniformity in recreational boating safety have been the hallmark of NASBLA's four decades of work. Developed by NASBLA's policy committees, our model laws have been used by the states to develop statutes and regulations regarding education, vessel operator licensing, personal watercraft, motorboat noise control, personal flotation devices (life jackets) and more. NASBLA has also developed a number of model policies and procedures such as those dealing with numbering & titling of vessels.

NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS

NASBLA first developed boating safety education guidelines in the 1970s to promote uniformity and reciprocity among the states. Working with the Penn State University and boating safety partners such as the United States Power Squadrons, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the National Safe Boating Council, NASBLA adopted the National Boating Education Standards in 1999. Today all states and territories recognize the NASBLA boating safety education standards in their laws and regulations.

ASSURING FEDERAL FUNDS

NASBLA constantly stands watch to ensure boating safety funds from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund are allocated for state boating safety programs. These dollars, collected via the tax boaters pay on fuel, help fund education, enforcement and access programs in every state.

NASBLA POLICY COMMITTEES

- > Enforcement & Training
- > Engineering, Reporting & Analysis
- > Governmental Affairs & Administration
- > Education & Awareness
- > Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling

