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DEVELOPING NATIONAL POLICY ON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT REPORTING

U.S. Coast Guard/NASBLA ERAC/States

Consensus Project ~~UPDATE~~ **INTRODUCTION**



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What's happened since BLA Workshop 2017?



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- **Comprehensive Accident Reporting Regulatory Project (initiated June 2012, Coast Guard)**
- **Accident Reporting Terms & Definitions Project (approved 2012-2013, NASBLA membership)**
- **Draft Recreational Boating Accident Reporting Manual (COMDTINST M16782.1) (2015, Coast Guard)**
- **Recreational Boating Accident Reporting Manual (2017, NASBLA ERAC drafting)**
- **Next Generation Boat Accident Reporting System (2017, Coast Guard BSX Project Plan)**



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**COLLABORATIVE PROJECT:
NATIONAL POLICY ON RECREATIONAL
BOATING ACCIDENT REPORTING**

PROJECT WORKGROUP

COAST GUARD BSX REPRESENTATIVES

- **Susan Weber (CG project lead)**

- **Vann Burgess**

- **Jeff Ludwig**

STATE / ERAC REPRESENTATIVES

- **Glenn Moates (TN)**

- **John Girvalakis (MA)**

- **Penny Kanable (WI)**

- **Joe McCullough (AK)**

- **Amy Rigby (CA)**

- **Seth Wagner (FL)**

- **Cody Jones (TX)**

- **Stacey Brown (VA)**

NASBLA

- **Deb Gona**

CONSENSUS/APPROVAL PROCESS

- **Project workgroup will complete work on all topics on the table**
- **ERAC will review work as a whole, develop consensus position on recommendations**
- **Coast Guard and NASBLA leadership will review the product – and negotiate any differences up front**
- **Recommendations will be shared with all States to get more feedback through structured, open comment period**
 - **National teleconferences / Discussion forums**
- **Refinements may be made by workgroup as result of feedback**
- **Final product to the NASBLA membership and**
- **Ultimately, the Coast Guard for approval**

WHAT DOES “CONSENSUS” MEAN?

Substantial agreement has been reached by the affected interests – in this case, the states and the Coast Guard.

All views and objections are considered and all due effort is made toward their resolution.



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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

TOPICS

- **Accident Reporting Structure**
- **Report Thresholds**
- **Report Data That Should Be Collected**
 - **Accidents that should be reported to the Coast Guard / be excluded AND development of decision-making guidance**
 - **Vessel determinations**
 - **Data elements and fields/options**

TOPICS

- **Report forms**
- **Roles of the players in the reporting system**
- **Vessel safety defects/safety issues**
- **Best practices / Resources**
- **Reporting system revisions (BARD)**



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WHAT WILL WE NEED FROM YOU?

PROCESS

- Project workgroup will complete work on all topics on the table
 - **HELP TO INFORM THE WORK – RESPOND TO SURVEY REQUESTS**
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- Coast Guard and NASBLA leadership will review the product – and negotiate any differences up front

PROCESS

- Recommendations will be shared with all States to get more feedback through structured, open comment period
 - **REVIEW THE WORK – INVOLVE OTHERS IN AGENCY – PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TELECONFERENCES – GIVE FEEDBACK**
- Refinements may be made by workgroup as result of feedback
- **Final product to the NASBLA membership and ...**
- **Ultimately, the Coast Guard for approval ...**