DEVELOPING NATIONAL POLICY ON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT REPORTING

U.S. Coast Guard/NASBLA ERAC/States

Consensus Project UPDATE INTRODUCTION
What’s happened since BLA Workshop 2017?
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)
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT: NATIONAL POLICY ON RECREATIONAL BOATING ACCIDENT REPORTING
PROJECT WORKGROUP

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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.
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)
WHAT WILL WE NEED FROM YOU?
**PROCESS**

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  - HELP TO INFORM THE WORK – RESPOND TO SURVEY REQUESTS

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  • REVIEW THE WORK – INVOLVE OTHERS IN AGENCY – PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TELECONFERENCES – GIVE FEEDBACK
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