

### **CHARTER IN SUPPORT OF NASBLA'S MISSION AND SERVICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP:**

As one of NASBLA's five standing policy committees in 2018, ERAC identifies, evaluates, and analyzes recreational boating data and other related information that can shed light on factors associated with boating accidents; be used to inform the development of state- and national-level boating safety policies, programs and campaigns; and, ultimately, be used to measure their effectiveness.

To ensure that the results of boating accident research and analyses are valid and reliable, ERAC also actively seeks ways to advance the quality, relevance, accuracy, consistency, applicability, and completeness of the data and information.

### **IN PRACTICE, ERAC:**

- Takes on targeted research questions. ERAC teams analyze accident report data and other boating-related statistics to identify risk factors, patterns and trends in boating accidents;
- Works in partnership with the States, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other key agencies and organizations in the recreational boating community to improve the criteria, processes, and training associated with reporting, collecting, entering and using accident data;
- On behalf of the States, and in the interest of uniformity and shared understanding, collaborates with the U.S. Coast Guard to clarify accident reporting criteria and procedures;
- Identifies and examines boating safety program, equipment design, and related efforts that could mitigate risk factors identified through the committee's analyses;
- Monitors the activities of and receives reports from subcommittees and panels of NBSAC, ABYC, NMMA, and UL, among others, to identify and inform about issues of mutual interest; and
- Also interacts with other NASBLA committees and panels and stays informed about projects of mutual interest—not only to add value to ERAC products, but also to determine how ERAC can effectively serve as a resource to them.