

NASBLA State RBS Workshop, Lexington, KY, February 27 2020 Session:

Recreational Boating Incident Reporting Project: Discussion on the Revised Recommendations

The following pages present the summary results of a quick poll conducted on-site in follow-up to a session discussion about two of the proposed “Non-Reportable Events” listed in the [Decision Matrix](#), for which stakeholders had some mixed opinions.

Other materials from the session -- PowerPoint and handout – are available by clicking on these links: [PPT](#); [handout](#)

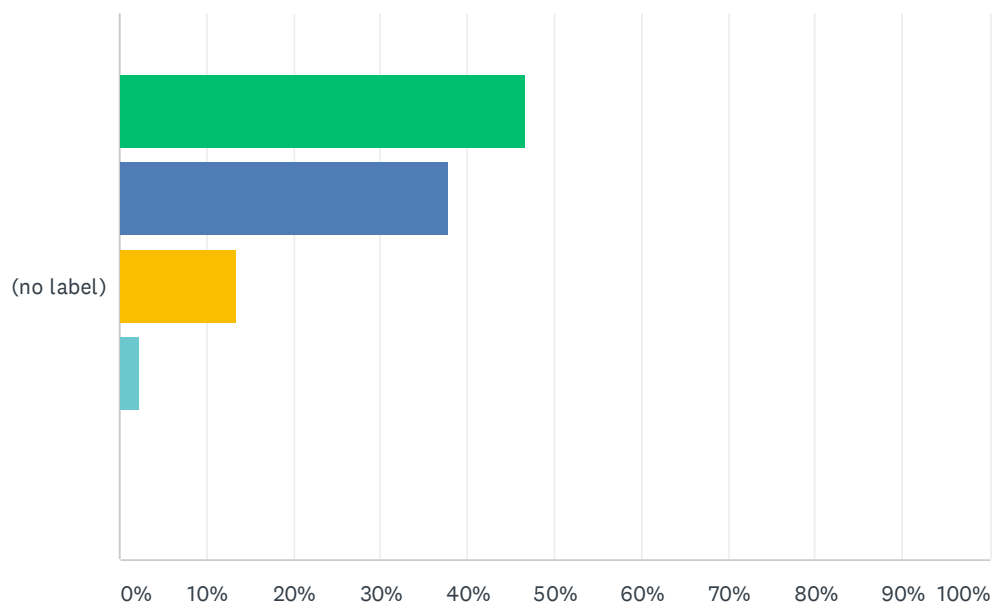
The quick poll resulted in 45 responses – 38 states (four had two each), two Coast Guard reps, and one NASBLA staff. Given time constraints, the results were not discussed at the workshop, but were discussed during the ERAC committee meeting the following day.

Responses were on a Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree continuum with middle ground (sees pros/cons, willing to go along with group).

- On the Voluntary departures’ exclusion, 84 percent strongly agreed or agreed; 2 percent disagreed; 13 percent were in the middle.
- On the Towed Watersports exception, results were less distinct as 64 percent strongly agreed or agreed; 2 percent disagreed; and 33 percent were in the middle.

Q3 Non-Reportable Event #1: Voluntary departure injuries/fatalities. The only event involved the injury or death of a person who voluntarily entered the water from a vessel, the shore or a place of inherent safety. What's your level of agreement with this recommendation for a non-reportable event? Would you say you:

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Agree
■ Can see pros and cons, but I'm willing to go along with the group
 ■ Disagree
■ Strongly disagree; I cannot support it

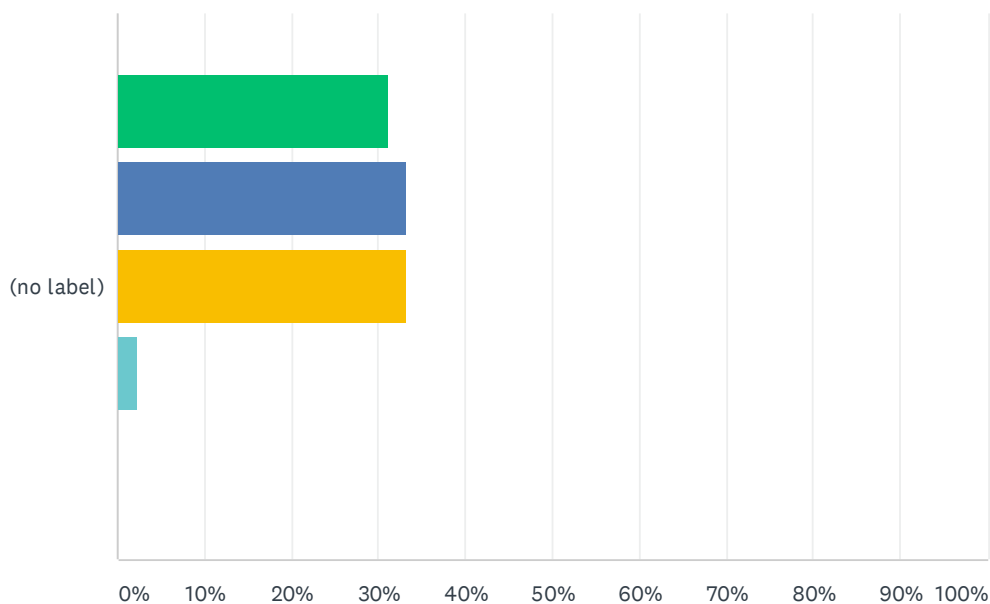
	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	CAN SEE PROS AND CONS, BUT I'M WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE GROUP	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE; I CANNOT SUPPORT IT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	46.67% 21	37.78% 17	13.33% 6	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	45	4.29

Recreational Boating Incident Reporting Policy Project - Consensus Poll on Two Non-Reportable Events

#	IF YOU DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE, STATE "WHY" AND PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE	DATE
1	I don't believe the reasoning to start counting these incidents in 2001 had anything to do with improving boating safety.	2/27/2020 2:09 PM
2	If they leave a boat that's not moored or anchored it has the ability to float away it's operator negligence and should be an incident	2/27/2020 1:41 PM
3	Voluntary departure from the vessel, I believe lacks credibility as a boating accident. It raises questions that are difficult to explain to the general public, legislators, and others who examine these statistics. While data may point towards the need to educate those renters or non-boaters, I feel these types of incidents fall outside of the reportable accident realm.	2/27/2020 1:39 PM
4	Voluntary departure is not an action related to operation of a vessel. For this reason, making it reportable would skew statistics	2/27/2020 1:34 PM
5	Reports show we can intervene and the number of deaths are significant.	2/27/2020 1:34 PM

Q4 Non-Reportable Event #2: Towed watersports injury exceptions. A person suffers an injury or death while participating in towed watersports (including wake surfing) that wasn't due to the operation or equipment of the vessel. What's your level of agreement with this recommendation for a non-reportable event? Would you say you:

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Agree
 ■ Can see pros and cons, but I'm willing to go along with the group
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree; I cannot support it

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	CAN SEE PROS AND CONS, BUT I'M WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THE GROUP	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE; I CANNOT SUPPORT IT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	31.11% 14	33.33% 15	33.33% 15	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	45	3.93

#	IF YOU DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE, STATE "WHY" AND PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE	DATE
1	Case by case, if it is a break or twist usually operation driven. Medical of course medical.	2/27/2020 1:41 PM
2	A water skier or tuber etc would not have been injured unless the boat were moving. The boat moving is the primary factor in the injury, and therefore should be reported.	2/27/2020 1:34 PM