



## **EDUCATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**2025 - 2026**

### **APPROVED COMMITTEE CHARGES**

#### **CONTINUING CHARGES**

##### **EO\_2026\_1: Boating Education Toolkit**

Continue maintaining and updating the Education & Outreach Committee's living documents, including the NASBLA Boating Education Coordinator Quick Reference Guide, Outreach Activities list, and Product Resource lists. This work will include the incorporation of the recommended Knowledge Courses and On-Water Courses flowchart illustrating the integration of standards and the course review process for both course types. In coordination with NASBLA staff, continue working to update and maintain the NASBLA website to ensure these resources are accessible to states and other boating education partners.

Additionally, the Education & Outreach Committee will continue facilitating the monthly Water Cooler meetings. These meetings will include identifying relevant discussion topics and/or guest speakers to support information sharing, collaboration and engagement among boating education professionals.

##### **EO\_2026\_2: Boating Education Student Assessment Question Bank**

This charge will continue its work during the next committee cycle. The Charge Team has made significant progress in reviewing and refining the question bank to ensure that all approved questions consistently follow the guidelines outlined in Section 9: Requirements for Student Assessments in the NASBLA Policy for Course Delivery Platforms and Student Assessments for a Boating Safety Education Course.

The team is working to ensure that all approved questions are uniform and provide a fair, consistent and high-quality assessment of students' understanding across each question category. The Charge Team will continue this work with the goal of completing the development of the question bank and preparing it for regular use.

### **EO\_2026\_3: Collaborative Boat Livery Boating Education Opportunities**

During the 2025–2026 committee cycle, the Charge Team will continue addressing safety concerns associated with boat livery operations across the United States. The team will complete the distribution of a nationwide survey to gather input from state agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard and boat livery operators regarding current practices, challenges and safety considerations related to livery operations.

Following the survey distribution, the Charge Team will analyze the results and develop recommendations for next steps to improve safety education, promote compliance with state boating laws and support safer boat livery operations. The findings will help inform potential best practices and future initiatives aimed at enhancing safety and consistency across boat livery operations nationwide.

### **EO\_2026\_4: Standardized Inflatable Life Jacket Wear Education and Enforcement Best Practice**

During the 2025–2026 committee cycle, the Charge Team will build on the development of the Ser CAPTAIN formula, a logical and legally grounded framework designed to help boating educators, law enforcement officers and the public determine the proper use of personal flotation devices (PFDs). The development of this formula represents the completion of the primary objective of the charge.

The Charge Team will now focus on refining supporting materials and guidance to promote the understanding, use and adoption of the Ser CAPTAIN formula within the boating education and law enforcement communities. This effort will help ensure consistent messaging and improved understanding of inflatable PFD wear requirements and labeling, supporting broader education and enforcement efforts nationwide.

The continued refinement and promotion of this resource will support NASBLA's mission to advance safe and responsible boating practices through clear guidance and consistent application of PFD wear requirements.