

# APPROVED POLICY COMMITTEE CHARGES

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## Enforcement & Training Committee

### NASBLA Enforcement & Training Committee Charter

The Enforcement & Training committee will work to advance boating safety by researching and disseminating information on new techniques and technologies for marine law enforcement officers; developing training and certification programs; and addressing boating under the influence issues. These tasks will be addressed through the work of two subcommittees: Training & Certification and Enforcement Techniques & Technology.

### Committee Vision Statement:

To assist this committee in charting the necessary building blocks and progressive charges over the next five years, this committee has developed several strategic elements. These elements will become the guideposts in all charges developed over the five-year period. Each committee cycle will define the objectives/charges that will promote the strategic elements and help define the actionable goals for each committee work year.

- Promote the adoption of the BOAT Program in all states and territories.
- Maintain national training standards and third-party certification and acceptance consistent with and accepted by DHS. Promote those national standards in “all hazards” related legislation.
- Identify, study, and report to membership on emerging technology and applications for the maritime community of law enforcement and first responders.
- Assure that marine law enforcement has the tools, information, and messaging to reduce accidents, injuries, and fatalities within the recreational boating community.
- Assure that marine law enforcement is trained and ready to ensure the safety and security of America’s waterways and maritime community.

### Charges

#### **ET\_2023\_1: Operation Dry Water**

Evaluate and refresh all law enforcement guidance documents and templates being distributed by NASBLA’s Operation Dry Water.

*Needs Statement:* It is important for the Enforcement and Training committee to continue to monitor and advise on the ODW campaign to ensure that the needs and wants of those implementing the campaign on the local, state, and federal level are being satisfied and the size and impact of the campaign continues to grow nationally.

#### **ET\_2023\_2: National Training Survey**

Design and conduct a national training survey to determine recommendations for the NASBLA BOAT Program, for new course development in service of the NASBLA membership and the maritime law enforcement community.

*Needs Statement:* A national survey to assess the training needs of NASBLA's membership and the maritime law enforcement and public safety community is a valued priority. To support elements of the Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan, NASBLA and the BOAT Program. A highly trained, qualified, and credentialed maritime law enforcement/public safety professional is an important and essential ingredient to our collective success. Training, and the competencies of the professionals that patrol America's waterways, are directly related to the safety, security, and recreational enjoyment of those waterways.

### **ET\_2023\_3: Microlearning Development**

Identify, produce, and publish micro learning modules in alignment with subject matter areas of interest as forward from the results of the National Training Survey.

*Needs Statement:* As more law enforcement agencies employ and expand their mission and response requirements, it has been recognized as a critical need for the Enforcement and Training committee to identify and compile the "best practices" elements for development into a national training curriculum for marine officers. It is imperative that officers have quick and easy access to short crisp modules of learning to pinpoint their training needs. The goal of this committee will be to keep pace with areas of subject matter micro learning topics, producing a full catalog of topics as refresher or new areas of learning for the maritime officer.

### **ET\_2023\_4: Engine Cut-off Switch (ECOS) Wear**

Contact those states that have not enacted a mandatory wear policy for ECOS. Identify barriers that remain and develop strategies to address barriers from future policy enactment. Assign committee members specific states to work with and support efforts to move mandatory wear policies forward. Prepare a presentation for the NASBLA State RBS, soliciting ideas from BLAs on influencing strategies for mandatory wear policies.

### **ET\_2023\_5:**

Draft a model act for utilization by the states in drafting legislation regarding no wake zones in the vicinity of Marine assistance operations, thus avoiding any conflict with Federal Regulation. The legislative language will adopt language such as "vessels engaged in activities recognized by the Coast Guard displaying rotating or sequential flashing red and yellow lights" which will include all public safety operations.

### **ET\_2023\_6:**

Research and provide information on new technology specifically being developed for maritime law enforcement utilization. Develop a catalog of equipment and information on utilization for member agencies.

**ET\_2023\_7:**

Access 2021 incident data and make recommendations to NASBLA for educational offerings to support marine law enforcement, as a risk mitigation effort to reduce incidents within the recreational boating community and the first responders supporting boating safety.