

APPROVED POLICY COMMITTEE CHARGES
2022 - 2023
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Paddlesports Committee

PADDLE_2023-1 Data and Trends

Conduct an in-depth forensic study of each reportable, human-powered watercraft fatality between 2021 – 2022 to determine if there are any trends with brands, models, sizes of the vessels, and life jacket use while the accident occurred. Use this study and other data trends for NASBLA to potentially advocate for an amendment in the 2025 reauthorization to the trust fund that includes an excise tax on kayaks, canoes, SUP's, paddles, and life jackets.

PADDLE_2023-2 Outreach to Paddlecraft Liveries and Retailers Best Practices

Create a program for paddlesport manufacturers, retailers, and liveries that will recognize their efforts that help to create and promote a safe paddling culture. This program will be similar to the Seal of Safe Boating. The Committee will identify and develop specific award criteria for paddlesport manufacturers, retailers, and liveries. These criteria will consider the methods and efforts already used to create a culture of paddling safety. It will also determine an appropriate amount of time for which the award is valid and an effective method to distribute the award.

PADDLE_2023-3 Paddlecraft Access Inventory

Define and develop a process to review the existing paddlesports dashboard to ensure accuracy. Determine if any and what new information could be displayed on dashboard that the NASBLA membership would find beneficial. Look into methods to promote this dashboard to the public. This will lead to a standing charge which updates and maintains the dashboards.
(<https://www.nasbla.org/nasblamain/nasbla-resources/paddledashboards>).

PADDLE_2023-4 Microlearning

Develop and create microlearning videos demonstrating the benefits of proper flotation in paddlecraft. Also include suggestions on how paddlers can add flotation for increased paddling safety.