



**June 3-7, 2019
Lexington, Kentucky**

Preparing the new generation of recreational boating safety leaders

Sunday, June 2

5:00 pm Academy Class Meets in Embassy Suites Lobby

5:30 pm Academy/Executive Board Dinner – NASBLA Headquarters

Monday, June 3

7:45 am Academy Class Meets in Embassy Suites Lobby

8:00 am Welcome & Introductions - NASBLA Headquarters

John Johnson, CAE, NASBLA Executive Director

Introduction of NASBLA staff

**8:30 am – 9:00 am Leadership Academy:
Student Expectations and Academy Goals and Objectives**
Ron Sarver, CAE, NASBLA, Chief Knowledge & Learning Management

9:00 am – 9:45 am RBS Management Pre-Assessment

**10:00 am – Noon Management, Leadership, Ethics and Character - CRBP Domain #1
DISC Behavioral & Driving Forces Assessments**

John Johnson, CAE, NASBLA Executive Director



Whether it's building a team, developing your leadership skills, or increasing overall communication, DISC and Driving Forces can help your professional development. You'll learn about yourself and how you can best communicate with and lead others.

Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch (provided)

**1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Federal Programs – CRBP Domain #4
National Recreational Boating Safety State Grant Program
– A Program Overview**

Vann Burgess, USCG Senior RBS Specialist



Certainly, the program side of the State Grants Program is an integral part of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program and an understanding of how the education, enforcement, accident reporting and vessel numbering components – and their programmatic reporting requirements -- are essential. In addition, this session

will explain the relationships between the states, the Districts and the RBS Specialists, as well as points of contact and compliance visits. Other items to be addressed include an overview of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, USCG/State Agreements and the Vessel Identification System (VIS).

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm



Federal Programs – CRBP Domain #4

National RBS State Grant Program – A Financial Overview

Pavlo Oborski, Chief, USCG Grants Management Branch

Funding makes the world go around and is a vital part of the State Grants Programs. This session will cover the grant cycle, grant submission, reporting, deadlines, payments, etc.

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm



Boating Safety Education - CRBP Domain #7

RBS Cornerstone: Boater Education and the National Recreational Boating Safety Program

Pamela Dillon, CAE, NASBLA Education and Standards Director
Mark Chanski, NASBLA Education Director Designee

With a wealth of information surrounding us, how can we determine the highest priority topics for boater knowledge? How can you have confidence that a boater visiting YOUR state meets your state requirements? The session will cover the current status of the national boater education program with a focus on how national risk-based boating education standards are developed and how courses are assessed for compliance to the standards. The session will also provide an overview of the current system of education data collection and reporting, instructor development and training, and a look to the future of boating education.

5:00 pm

Roundtable Discussion

6:00 pm

Dinner (provided)

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 am

Academy Class Meets in Hotel Lobby for shuttle to Shakertown Village

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Morning Welcome- Shakertown Village – West Family Wash House – Area C

9:00 am – 9:45 am



Federal Programs – CRBP Domain #4

A Look at the USCG State Visit Compliance Worksheet & Top Mistakes

Vann Burgess, USCG RBS Specialist

Do you have an approved vessel numbering system? Or a cooperative boating safety assistance program with the Coast Guard? How about sufficient patrol? What about an adequate state boating safety education program, or an approved system for reporting marine casualties? Are you ready for a Coast Guard compliance assessment of all of these RBS program requirements? Learn what goes on in a state visit and common mistakes that state programs make and how you can avoid them.

10:00 am – 10:45 am



Federal Programs – CRBP Domain #4

NBSAC, RBS Strategic Plan & Grant Narrative Writing

Vann Burgess, USCG RBS Specialist

What's a BSAC and what does that have to do with the National RBS Strategic Plan and how do they both relate to my state program and grant?

11:00 am – 11:45 am



Federal Programs – CRBP Domain #4

Reauthorization, Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund 101

Tom Guess, NASBLA Past President, Virginia BLA

The Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund is a critical funding tool for a diverse set of important state and national recreational fishing and boating programs, including recreational boating safety. Learn where the funding comes from, how it's distributed to state programs and how NASBLA represents the states' interest in Washington, DC for the trust fund.

Noon - 12:20 pm

History of Shaker Village

Aaron Genton, Collections Manager

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch (provided) – Trustees' Office

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm



Management, Leadership, Ethics and Character – CRBP Domain #1

Practical Lessons of Leadership

Tom Guess, NASBLA Past President, Virginia BLA

You serve a vital role in establishing and supporting a culture that is sensitive and responsive to the needs, interests, and values of the entire recreational boating safety community. This session provides an overview of what you can do – regardless of your position within your agency – to influence others and develop a sense of camaraderie.

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm



Boating Law Administration – CRBP Domain #2

All About NASBLA

- Mission, History/ Background/ Organization
Ron Sarver, CAE, NASBLA, Chief, Knowledge & Learning Management
- Executive Board/ Leadership
Cody Jones, NASBLA Vice President, Texas BLA
- Policy Committees
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- NASBLA Strategic Plan
John Fetterman, NASBLA Deputy Executive Director
Hannah Helsby, CAE, NASBLA Deputy Executive Director
- Communications, Conference
Hannah Helsby, CAE, NASBLA Deputy Executive Director

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm



Partnerships – CRBP Domain #5

Working with Your Legislature

Tom Guess, NASBLA Past President, Virginia BLA

State agencies create and implement public policy. Sometimes that policy requires a change in state law. It is useful to understand how the legislative process works and how you can influence it. Learn from someone who's in the trenches, getting bills passed (or stopped!) and informing legislators about the impacts of laws on their state agency.

6:00 pm

Tour of Kentucky River Palisades & Dinner (provided)

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 am

Academy Class Meets in Lobby

8:15 am

Morning Welcome - NASBLA Headquarters

8:30 am – 9:00 am



Boating Safety Education - CRBP Domain #7

Updates and Innovations in Boater Education

Becca Medieros, Account Manager, Kalkomey

9:00 am – 9:45 am



Waterways Management – CRBP Domain #9

Overview of Paddlesports & the Impact on State Programs

Kim Jackson, Arizona Game & Fish Department
NASBLA Paddlesports Committee Chair

Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and other human powered vessels have an increasing impact upon state programs. This session will look at the numbers and begin a discussion on how these user groups can be served in your state.

10:00 am – Noon



CRBP Domains #1 through #10

Data Resources, Collection, Analysis and Use in RBS Programs

Deb Gona, PhD – NASBLA Research Director

There are at least a dozen mentions of data or statistics or some analysis of them across the domains of the Certified Recreational Boating Professional program on which your Leadership Academy workshop is based. In this session, we'll talk about your experiences and respective roles in generating, collecting, reviewing, using, and presenting relevant data and statistics for your states and agencies; share principles of data—including some cautionary notes; and introduce information about available resources and projects intended to improve quality and quantity of data that forms the foundation for the states' RBS programs, and ultimately, the national RBS program.

Noon - 1:00 pm

Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm



Partnerships – CRBP Domain #5

Introduction to Partnerships/ Key NASBLA Partners and How We 'Fit' Together

John Fetterman, NASBLA Deputy Executive Director

Ron Sarver, CAE, NASBLA, Chief, Knowledge & Learning Management Systems

Effective leadership within your agency's recreational boating safety (RBS) program requires a national network of partnerships. Learn what role you play within this RBS community and how you can strengthen your program by being an active participant. "When you need a partner it's usually too late to go make a new one."

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Connect & NASBLA Resources

Ron Sarver, CAE, NASBLA, Chief, Knowledge & Learning Management Systems

Join Ron as he takes on a tour of NASBLA's digital resources from the website to our online community to our eLearning Center

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Depart for Kentucky Historical Water Tour

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Kentucky Historical Water Tour

5:30 pm

Dinner (provided)

Thursday, June 6

7:45 am

Academy Class Meets in Hotel Lobby for shuttle

8:30 am

Morning Welcome – Salato Wildlife Center, Frankfort, Kentucky
Shane Carrier, BLA, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife

8:45 am - 10:00 am



Boating Laws & Compliance – CRBP Domain #3 &

Training and Program Development – CRBP Domain #8

RBS Cornerstone: Marine Law Enforcement & the Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program

John Fetterman, NASBLA Deputy Executive Director

Dave Considine, NASBLA BOAT Program Director



Marine law enforcement has the opportunity to make the greatest educational impressions on the recreational boater. Training, total program fluency and the right tools maximize the "Teaching Moment". This session will explore tactics and techniques to make sure your law enforcement officers take full advantage of each interaction with the recreational boater.

10:15 am – 11:00 am



Vessel Numbering, Titling and Vessel Identification System – CRBP Domain #10

Federal Vessel Numbering Requirements and State Implementation

Rick Barrera, NASBLA Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee Staff

This session will present an overview of Federal requirements for boat numbering including Hull Identification Numbers (HIN), reporting and compliance, and how state registration and titling fits within this process.

11:15 am – Noon

Tour of Salato Wildlife Center

Noon – 1:00 pm

Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm



Waterways Management – CRBP Domain #9

Explore Kentucky Initiative

Gerry James, Founder of the Explore Kentucky Initiative

The Explore Kentucky Initiative is an organization dedicated to inspiring people to engage in an active lifestyle fueled by adventure in Kentucky's great outdoors. EKI evolved from a popular social media movement centered around the @ExploreKentucky account on Instagram and #ExploreKentucky hashtag.

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm



Experience Paddlesports

This session will be a paddle trip down Elkhorn Creek. Along the way we'll discuss paddlesports, the growth in activity and the impacts on state programs.

The paddling trip is appropriate for beginner to intermediate paddlers. This is the most secluded and intimate section of The Elkhorn Creek, full of wildlife. The creek runs over a rock bottom through a series of riffles, small rapids, and calm pools and is between 35 ft. and 90 ft. wide. The creek passes through a scenic, wooded valley scattered with rock beaches and is perfect for kayaking. The put-in is at Knight's Bridge on KY 1900 and the take out is at Canoe Kentucky in Peaks Mill. It is on Class

1+ water and averages two hours if you paddle straight through (water conditions can change the duration of the trip). Generally, the trip lasts 2-3 hours.

Wear appropriate footwear (shoes that will stay on your feet – no flip-flops), glasses straps, sunscreen and hats. Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet (quick drying is best). Life jackets will be provided but you may wish to bring one you are comfortable wearing.

6:00 pm Dinner (provided)

Friday, June 7

8:00 am Academy Class Meets in Hotel Lobby

8:30 am Morning Welcome – NASBLA Headquarters

9:00 am – 9:45 am **Certified Recreational Boating Professional Certification**



Ron Sarver, CAE, NASBLA Chief, Knowledge & Learning Management Systems

The Certified Recreational Boating Professional (CRBP) certification is a voluntary credential for recreational boating professionals being developed by NASBLA. The credential is broad-based and addresses boating professionals' knowledge, performance and career achievements in the identified program domains.

10:00 am – 10:45 am Review

11:00 am - Noon Certificate in RBS Management Assessment

Noon – 12:15 pm Closing Roundtable Starter Topics

What are your challenges? What's next? Where do YOU go from here? Where should WE go from here?

12:15 Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm Adjourn & Departures

Agenda subject to change. Updated May 22, 2019