



National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

2009 Committee Assignments & Charges



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Committee Timeline/Cycle

July/August	Incoming president selects chairs/subcommittee chairs
August-October	Charges & membership solicited
September	Incoming president announces chairs/subcommittee chairs at conference
October	Staff draft member and charge recommendations and distribute to chairs Staff & chairs conference call to discuss draft recommendations
November	Executive Board/committee chairs/staff meet Members & charges vetted and finalized Committee meetings scheduled; logistics arranged
November/December	Organizational conference calls with chairs/staff/members Charge leaders assigned Work begins
December - Spring Meeting	Follow-up Subcommittee/charge conference calls as needed Mid-term conference call Develop agenda for meeting
Spring	Interim meeting Committee meets as whole first half of first day Subcommittees meet second half of first day and first half of second day Committee meets as whole second half of second day Charge work presented, discussed, debated Next steps assigned Completion schedule finalized Additional conference calls as needed
May	Executive Board meeting with Chairs Chairs/staff brief board Next steps assigned
June	Products completed by committees Staff format products
July/August	Executive Board reviews final draft committee work Board approves, approves with changes or rejects committee work Vice president discusses incoming chair choices with board

August

Draft committee work posted on website
Committee meeting logistics for conference finalized
Committee products assembled for distribution
Charges/membership solicitation begins

September

Conference briefing with chairs and staff
Committee meetings at conference
Briefings on committee work
Policy items voted on by membership
Discussion/planning for new year

New president elected, chairs announced

Education & Awareness Committee

Committee Charter

The Education & Awareness Committee will work to advance boating safety by maintaining and updating the National Boating Education Standards; developing a database to record instances of successful boating safety course completions; developing recommendations based on best practices for the states to implement; and creating a library of state marketing campaigns and outreach materials for other states to use.

Subcommittees will monitor and address different aspects of the Committee's work. For 2009, the three subcommittees are Marketing & Outreach, Education Standards & Best Practices, and Boating Course Administration. Each subcommittee will take the lead on specific, assigned charges.

The Committee and Subcommittees will meet April 18-19, 2009, in Panama City, Fla. at IBWSS.

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The Marketing & Outreach Subcommittee will coordinate with the states, U.S. Coast Guard, and other stakeholders to develop marketing and outreach materials in support of the RBS Strategic Plan. One of the tasks of this subcommittee is to solicit, review, and market materials submitted for the NASBLA Seal of Safe Boating Practices endorsement.

1. Develop a national campaign on boating and alcohol awareness. (RBS 2.2, 2.6)

A national Boating Under the Influence Campaign (Operation Dry Water) will be coordinated with marine law enforcement agencies. This campaign will be modeled after the National Safe Boating Council's "Wear It" campaign and will be comprised of a logo, slogan, PSAs and information that each of the states can adopt and use.

2. Develop a strategy for disseminating boating safety information to non-English speaking audiences. (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3) (RBS 2.4)

In coordination with the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee, determine what boating safety information is critical to convey to the recreational boaters outside of recommending for them to take a boating safety course. Create a template that can be translated into various languages and develop a marketing plan to disseminate the information to the audiences.

3. Increase state participation in the National Safe Boating Council's "Wear It" Campaign. (NASBLA 1.3, 1.5) (RBS 2.2, 2.3, 2.6)

The subcommittee developed the "Template for State Involvement" document as part of an FY-08 charge. This year, the subcommittee will track the states that are involved in the campaign and work to increase the number of states participating.

Standing Charge:

Suggest and solicit content to be added to the online MARC library of RBS outreach materials on the NASBLA website. (NASBLA 1.4, 1.5, 2.3, 3.5) (RBS 2.2, 2.3, 2.4)

Education & Awareness Committee

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The Education Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee will focus on the National Boating Education Standards and the National Paddlesports Education Standards as the members work to complete the following charges:

1. Provide an oversight, advisory committee for the Risk-Based Analysis of the National Boating Education Standards as part of the FY-09 Grant Project. (NASBLA 1.4, 2.2, 2.4) (RBS 1.4.1, 5.3, 5.5, 8.2)

The advisory committee will work with the researchers to review the existing standards and compare the content covered with the accident and fatality statistics provided by the USCG as well as the violation and citation statistics provided by the states and territories. A revised set of standards as well as a set of best practices for boating safety courses will be developed. The goal of the project will be to create a boating experience that is both safe and enjoyable through education of the minimum content necessary to enact safe boating practices.

2. Develop a set of best practices for advanced (on-water, skills-based) boating education courses. (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3) (RBS 3.3, 3.4)

This is a carry-over charge from FY-08. The charge group collected a list of courses offered throughout the U.S. and collected copies of the course materials. After reviewing the materials, the charge group will list the best practices found in the majority of the courses. These include, but are not limited to, curriculum components, instructor competence and certification, liability insurance, context of the course setting, a list of necessary materials and equipment to teach a

course, etc. A secondary product for this charge will be the development of a resolution urging the marine dealer certification board to encourage customers to take on-water training and boating safety courses.

3. Determine if any changes are needed in the National Boating Education Standards with regards to boating terminology found in NASBLA- approved boating safety courses. (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3) (RBS Objective 4)

The National Boating Safety Advisory Committee recommended changing the terminology in boating safety courses from "Personal Flotation Device (PFD)" to "life jacket." Although this terminology change would be feasible when referring to PFD Types I, II and III, it would not be acceptable for Types IV and some examples of Type V. Additional terminology changes may also be proposed after review of the standards. This charge group will work closely with the risk-based analysis of the standards (charge 1) group as the standards are analyzed and possibly revised. The final product will be a position paper reflecting the need for any changes in terminology.

4. Develop an instructor training course for the new Paddlesports Standards (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3, 2.4) (RBS 8.2)

The purpose of the course is to ensure that classroom instructors teaching a course modeled after the Paddlesports Standards will be able to understand and interpret those standards correctly and convey that knowledge to students in a classroom setting. The instructor training course will be similar to the one offered by the National Safe Boating Council for the basic boating education standards.

5. Develop a strategy for disseminating boating safety information to non-English speaking audiences. (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3) (RBS 2.4)

In coordination with the Marketing & Outreach Subcommittee, determine what boating safety information is critical to convey to the recreational boaters outside of recommending for them to take a boating safety course. Create a template that can be translated into various languages and develop a marketing plan to disseminate the information to the audiences.

6. Develop and implement a training program for new state education coordinators. (NASBLA 2.2, 3.3) (RBS 8.2)

This charge will build upon the work created by the FY07 Education Committee on a similar charge.

Standing Charge:

Create new test questions and add them to the existing NASBLA Testing Pool. Conduct training on how to write effective test questions in order to recruit more people to help with this charge. (NASBLA 2.2)

Education & Awareness Committee

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The Boating Course Administration Subcommittee will focus on the NASBLA Course Approval process and all of its related aspects as they work to complete the following charges:

1. Provide an oversight, advisory committee for the creation of a set of best practices that may lead to a set of Delivery & Presentation Standards (also known as Standard 10) as part of the FY-09 Grant Project. (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3, 2.4)

The advisory committee will work with the researchers to assess the efficacy of distance learning courses relative to traditional classroom courses in order to improve the NASBLA-approved boating education courses. The advisory committee will help the researchers determine what constitutes as a best practice, which will lead to the creation of a set of presentation and delivery standards. The results of this study will then be used to formulate NASBLA policy.

2. Develop a definition for "Reciprocity" and determine how this relates to the concept of "adequate education." (NASBLA 1.4, 2.2)

The charge group will work with members of the Governmental Affairs Committee (RBS State Grants Subcommittee) to discuss the requirements set forth by the U.S. Coast Guard for states to establish an "adequate education" program in order to be eligible to receive boating education funding. The concept of "reciprocity" will also be discussed in terms of whether states accept and/or recognize boating safety courses and certificates from other states as well as from organizations or countries outside of the U.S. A position paper will be developed to reflect the findings.

3. Develop a plan to monitor boating safety courses offered on the Internet. (NASBLA 2.2, 2.3, 2.4)

In order to ensure that the courses are adhering to the National Boating Education Standards and the NASBLA Terms & Conditions of Course Approval, a periodic review of the approved courses is required. This task is easily completed for classroom courses because the textbooks are difficult to change without reprinting the entire volume. Online courses, on the other hand, are able to change their content in a matter of minutes, which makes periodic reviews a necessity. A plan for

conducting these periodic reviews and setting up a monitoring program will be developed. When developing the plan, determine what aspects of the courses will be monitored, how often the courses will be monitored, who will be doing the monitoring, how a course provider will be notified of any discrepancies, how long the course provider will be given to address the findings, and what the consequences will be for failure to do so. The feasibility and cost of providing this type of monitoring will also be addressed. A recommendation, based on the work of this charge, will be made to the NABSLA Membership for consideration.

Enforcement & Training Committee

Committee Charter

The Enforcement and 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 promoting reciprocity through the advancement of uniform boating laws nationwide.

These tasks will be addressed through the work of three subcommittees. For 2009, those subcommittees are the Training and Certification Subcommittee, the Enforcement Techniques and Technology Subcommittee, and the Uniform Boating Laws Subcommittee.

The Committee and Subcommittees will meet March 2-3, 2009, in Lexington, Kentucky.

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The Training and Certification Subcommittee will determine the training needs of the states, develop course content and materials, and identify potential course instructors.

2009 Charges

1. Develop training program for Officer Water Safety and Survival. (NASBLA 3.3)

NASBLA surveyed the states last summer to determine interest in several training opportunities. The BLAs responded to a question asking which training they felt was needed in their state, and Officer Water Safety and Survival was the course most often listed.

2. Develop training program for Close Quarters Boat Handling for MLE Officers. (NASBLA 3.3)

NASBLA surveyed the states last summer to determine interest in several training opportunities. The BLAs responded to a question asking which training they felt was needed in their state, and Close Quarters Boat Handling was the second most popular choice. NSBC has developed this curriculum and is willing to share with NASBLA.

3. Explore needs / resources for enhanced instructor development program with focus on modern delivery techniques, use of video training aids and other electronic media. (NASBLA 3.3)

Many states already offer an instructor development program. Do we need to develop something that already exists? Does this go beyond basic instructor training to more advanced instructor development?

4. Research and Develop web-based training based on results of BLA training survey. (NASBLA 3.3)

NASBLA's training survey asked if the states were interested in web-based training for their officers. All of the respondents said they would like to offer that type of training to their officers.

Enforcement & Training Committee

Enforcement Techniques & Technology Subcommittee

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The Enforcement Techniques and Technology Subcommittee will research training and technology resources and create a reference library for NASBLA stakeholders and will pursue improvements in enforcement standards and practices.

2009 Charges

1. Analyze Performance Report Part II data to identify risk-based areas to target for increased enforcement efforts. Identify methods of educating the boating public by on-the-water enforcement officers. (NASBLA 2.4.2) (RBS 2.5)

The national RBS strategic plan lists NASBLA as the implementing partner to develop and deliver on-the-water messaging to the public. Performance Report Part II data will help clarify which areas to target.

2. Develop a BUI checkpoint checklist for Operation Dry Water. (RBS 6.2, 6.6)

A national BUI campaign (Operation Dry Water) will be implemented by marine law enforcement agencies across the country. One weekend this summer, BUI enforcement and education efforts will be emphasized to help the public understand the dangers of drinking and boating. The Marketing and Outreach Subcommittee is also addressing Operation Dry Water.

3. Survey the states and create a list of technologies and training resources. (NASBLA 1.4)

We should also ask partners such as ACR to participate in order to highlight latest technologies. Get training information and link to users.

4. Develop a request from NASBLA to Dick Lamphier (SAE) to begin research to determine a method to alter J2005 to make it more meaningful. (NASBLA 1.4)

Enforcement officers need an easy-to-use noise test. Refine the existing standard to avoid trouble for states with that standard already in their legislation.

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The Uniform Boating Laws Subcommittee will work to develop model legislation and will assist the states in identifying insufficient data areas in Performance Report Part II.

2009 Charges

1. Work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of legislation that links BUI violations with a person's motor vehicle driver's license. (NASBLA 2.1.3) (RBS 6.4)

NASBLA will survey the states to find out who already has this legislation and if it works in their state, then contact NTSB and NHTSA to communicate findings and decide on feasibility.

2. Analyze results of the Coast Guard Performance Report Part II to identify categories of insufficient data reporting. Develop methods to assist states in data collection (NASBLA 2.4.2)

Review data issues with Performance Report Part II and report findings to State Grants Subcommittee. Base findings on the past two years' data.

Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee

Committee Charter

The Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee will work to advance boating safety by analyzing recreational boating accident data and other boating-related statistics for risk factors, patterns and trends that could help to inform policy and program decision making; by examining and recommending improvements to the criteria and methods that are used to report, collect and measure these data and indicators; and by identifying boating safety program and equipment design efforts that can mitigate risks associated with recreational boating.

To inform its work, the Committee also will continue to monitor, participate in and report on the efforts of other key, external task forces and committees. During FY09, these will include the National Boating Safety Advisory Council's Accident Reporting Regulatory Review Task Force; the Underwriters Laboratories PFD Reclassification and Labeling Working Groups; the American Boat and Yacht Council's Product Interface Committee; and the National Marine Manufacturers Association Boating Industry Risk Management Council.

Committee members will be assembled into project teams, taking the lead on specific, assigned charges and monitoring activities.

The Committee will meet March 6, 2009, in Lexington, Kentucky.

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2009 Charges

1. Analyze recreational boating accident data from selected states to describe patterns or trends in types of accidents. In the analyses, identify the human- and boat-related contributing and causal factors, and determine if there are any indications of relationships between accident trends and demographic, economic, climatic, and other "external" trends and patterns. Develop issue brief(s) on findings. Explore development of content for 2009 annual conference session. (Modification of 2008 Carryover Charge. NASBLA Objective 1.4; RBS Performance Goal and Sub-tier Goals; RBS 2.3.1, RBS 6.1, and RBS 9.7)

Using geographic criteria, boating characteristics and available accident analyses that could serve as templates, ERAC will pick a few states to examine accident patterns and trends over the past 10 years. Beyond learning what the existing data do – and do not – reveal about operator behavior and vessel-related factors in accidents, injuries and fatalities, project team members will begin exploring the possible, relative influence of other factors and trends (including demographic and economic changes). Over time, this project -- initiated in FY08 by an ERAC subcommittee on Accident Reporting & Analysis -- is intended to elicit answers to questions such as: What do these data tell us right now and how can we apply findings so that states can become even more effective in their safety program efforts? Can we really isolate operator- and boat-related factors from other influences to give us a fuller understanding of problem areas now and possibly to anticipate future problems? What are the limitations of these boating accident and other critical data, and what improvements could be made to reporting and collecting these data so that we can better address critical safety issues?

2. Analyze incidents of and potential trends associated with non-compliance with safety equipment carriage requirements. In developing a revised project work plan, refocus efforts to receive and analyze MISLE and Performance Report Part II datasets. Determine problem areas in non-compliance and in data collection. Develop issue brief on findings, and possible position paper related to data collection. (Modification of 2008 Carryover Charge. NASBLA Objective 1.4; RBS 8.1, 8.2)

This carryover charge, initiated in FY08 by an ERAC subcommittee on Boats & Associated Equipment, is directly tied to the National RBS Strategic Plan objective for creating a system to evaluate operator compliance with safety equipment, and to strategies in which the states and NASBLA are named as implementing partners. Using various datasets, compliance reports and vessel safety check data, the intent is to identify trends in non-compliance with safety equipment carriage requirements and subsequently to begin targeting problem compliance areas. As in ERAC's charge one, though, there are multiple goals for this second charge -- to issue findings based on the analyses of the available data; to determine how useful the data are in evaluating compliance; and to make recommendations regarding data collection, definitions and reporting, as warranted.

3. Complete outstanding analyses of factors specific to injuries and fatalities among high-risk boater populations, with a special focus on children and youth ages 17 and under. Issue final report. Explore possible development of content for 2009 annual conference session. (Modification of 2008 Carryover Charge. NASBLA Objectives 1.4, 2.3; RBS Performance Goal and Objective 4, strategy 4.2.1)

In FY08, an ERAC subcommittee on Special Risks was charged with analyzing boating accident data to begin identifying factors that were specific to injuries and fatalities among high-risk boater populations, and especially among children and youth. Among the variables the group was asked to consider were the frequency and severity of injuries, accident scenarios, and the roles of boating participants. This carryover charge has already resulted in an interim report on initial findings and data challenges, and in FY09, the intent is to complete the outstanding analyses and issue a final report.

4. Complete outstanding analyses of high-risk vessel accident and fatality patterns and assessment of relationships between those patterns and safety awareness campaigns. Identify and recommend best practices in education and awareness-building that states can implement to minimize risk to participants. Issue final report. Explore possible development of content for 2009 annual conference session. (Modification of 2008 Carryover Charge. NASBLA Objectives 1.4, 2.3; RBS Performance Goal and Objective 2)

In FY08, as an expansion of an FY07 charge related to paddlesport risks, an ERAC subcommittee on Special Risks was charged with analyzing 'high risk' vessel type fatality and injury rates in the states to assess possible correlations between those rates and the states' safety awareness campaigns. This carryover charge has already resulted in an interim report on initial findings and data challenges, and in FY09, the intent is to complete the remaining data analyses. Based on the findings, the project team will move on to the identification of safety practices that can be implemented to minimize risk.

5. To assist in efforts to improve the reliability of boating accident reporting, complete compilation and assessment of survey data regarding gaps in reporting. Determine relevance and timeliness to efforts of NBSAC Boating Accident Reporting (Regulatory Review) Task Force. Issue final report. (Modification of 2008 Carryover Charge. RBS 9.2)

This carryover charge is linked to the National RBS Strategic Plan objective for complete and accurate accident reporting, and more specifically to strategies for increasing reliability by identifying and addressing reporting gaps. In late summer 2007, a workgroup of ERAC's predecessor committee initiated a survey of the states to gather information regarding the states' accident report collection practices for 1) accidents required to be reported, but which the USCG has not been enforcing or encouraging collection; and 2) accident situations outside of the federal reporting requirements. In the first quarter of 2008, even with some jurisdictions' responses outstanding, the ERAC project team developed a summary of issues that had surfaced in the preliminary survey results. The summary and further compilation of responses will be forwarded to the NBSAC Accident Reporting Regulatory Review Task Force for its continuing work. The information needs of that Task Force and the outcomes of its work (in recommending systemic and regulatory changes affecting reporting) will determine whether ERAC follows up with non-respondents to the original survey or coordinates with the Task Force to survey for additional information.

Governmental Affairs & Administration Committee

Committee Charter

The Governmental Affairs and Administration Committee will work to advance boating safety and security through work with Congress, federal agencies and the states. The subcommittees for 2009 are Homeland Security & Emergency Response Subcommittee, Waterways Management Subcommittee, and RBS Grants Administration & Program Performance Subcommittee.

The Homeland Security & Emergency Response Subcommittees will meet in 2009 in Washington, DC (date to be determined). The RBS State Grants Administration & Program Performance Subcommittee will meet in 2009 in Washington, DC (date to be determined). The Waterways Management Subcommittee will operate as a virtual committee conducting its work through electronic means.

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The Homeland Security & Emergency Response Subcommittee will build upon the prior work of the Homeland Security & Emergency Response Committee in advocating for funding for state maritime homeland security efforts and identifying and developing tactical training and team typing.

2009 Charges

1. Continue to develop a consortium of partners to advance NASBLA's "Partners on the Water."
(NASBLA 1.1,1.3)

NASBLA recognizes that our homeland security and emergency response objectives on behalf of the states cannot be accomplished in a vacuum. As a result, the HS/ER Committee has been tasked with reaching out to the marine law enforcement and maritime security community to identify like-minded partners that can help us facilitate the development of a true federal/state maritime security partnership. The committee will continue to refine and update the document Partners on the Water as a symbol of these outreach efforts.

2. NASBLA proposes the creation of a multi-jurisdictional council of training and team typing experts to define the criteria for a standardized training curriculum and team typing model. (NASBLA 1.1.3, 1.3.3, 2.3.6)

Build a "Council of Partners" to draft and charter a maritime law enforcement partnership for

training and standards (TEAM TYPING). Local, county and state maritime law enforcement must be able to build toward a standardized model to truly become a force multiplier on the nation's waterways for both local and regional interoperability.

3. Advance NASBLA's Homeland Security Legislative proposal. (NASBLA 3.1.1, 3.3.1)

Members of the HS/ER Committee will identify those partners in both the private and public sector to work collaboratively with Congress to find the right piece of complimentary legislation, to secure an additional 70 million dollars to the USCG. The additional funding will be used to support the federal-state partnership established under cooperative MOUs for enforcement of maritime safety and security zones.

4. Determine current homeland security state participation levels. Partner with SRI to examine the roles and mission of state and local maritime law enforcement agencies as a security layer in the nation's maritime security efforts. (NASBLA 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.5.2).

MOUs for the enforcement and support of safety and security zones have been enacted with law enforcement agencies other than state agencies. NASBLA has not been able to secure an accurate listing of MOUs currently in place, doing so will assist this committee in capturing the scope of existing programs and efforts currently in place as part of the maritime security layer.

5. Develop a program presentation for NASBLA membership to be presented at the spring 2009 Workshop, "Why should we pay attention!" (NASBLA 1.1,1.5,3.3, 3.4)

The HS/ER Committee has produced several documents highlighting the security and emergency response role played by the states. The core strategy being promoted by NASBLA has been to build capabilities to a national model for both a local and regional response to HS/ER missions. The Workshop presentation should focus on existing programs, training and support funding currently in place to assist all states and territories as they build their capabilities, even in tight economic times.

6. Provide web-based educational material for state members on existing support programs. (NASBLA 3.4.1, 3.5.2)

NASBLA believes that the HS/ER Committee page should be a resource for the latest advancements in training, tactics, equipment and agreements to support state maritime law enforcement. Building a timely library of resource material will serve members who want to keep updated on committee advances.

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The Waterways Management Subcommittee will build upon the prior work of the Waterways Management Committee in identifying key issues related to environmental, access, user-conflicts and the management of access and use of waterways.

2009 Charges

1. Advocate for passage of legislation to mitigate the effects of invasive species. (NASBLA 1.1, 1.2)

While the threat posed by invasive species to our marine environment is not a new one, the relative rise in new and dangerous exotic species pose a real threat to water access nationally. The committee will work with the NASBLA Government Affairs Director to identify and lend support to legislation at both the state and federal level to mitigate the effects of these invasive species.

2. Identify key issues pertaining to waterways management such as the loss of recreational boating areas, user conflicts, aquatic invasive species, floating structure/houseboat definition and conflict resolution. Develop report(s) on the issues, provide resources and recommendations. (NASBLA 1.4, 3.5)

The committee will continue its core mission of identifying new and emerging issues that impact waterways management nationally.

3. Issue report and recommendations for best practices on issues surrounding salvage insurance and the effects of abandoned vessels on the states. (NASBLA 1.4, 3.5)

Abandoned vessels have an incredible impact upon the states both financially and environmentally. The committee will continue to study this issue and complete its report this year with a series of best practices for the states on how to best deal with these vessels.

4. Develop an award that recognizes best practices and actions in waterways management. (NASBLA 3.2)

NASBLA recognizes that there are individuals throughout the country who are performing new and innovative jobs as they further define and expand upon the definition of proper waterways management. This award will recognize and honor these individuals.

5. Putting current waterway marker design regulations aside, develop the best method of marking waterways to reduce the number of markers needed, increase the visibility and recognition and to reduce boating accidents. Work with the U.S. Coast Guard to develop alternative methods to mark waterways. Consider modifications to current rules on non-lateral regulatory and information markers. (NASBLA 1.1, 1.4)

The lack of consistency nationally of waterways markings and potential problems with current markings are a problem for on-water law enforcement. The committee will look "outside the box" to study possible changes/alternative methods in which to mark waterways.

6. Begin to develop a one-day workshop curriculum and related materials using the Guide for Multiple Use Waterways Management that can be used to teach mitigation of waterway user conflicts. Develop a zoning matrix that can be taught as part of the curriculum. (NASBLA 3.1)

Improper waterways management has a deleterious effect upon the boating public -- it ultimately makes more difficult the work of marine law enforcement and in some cases leads to a decrease in water access. This workshop will use the Guide for Multiple Use Waterways Management as a tool in developing an easily translatable workshop which can be tailored to local use throughout the states.

Governmental Affairs & Administration Committee

RBS State Grants Administration & Program Performance Subcommittee

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The RBS State Grants Administration & Program Performance Subcommittee will work on behalf of the states with the Boating Safety Division to improve administration of the state RBS grants program and will provide assistance and guidance to state members to best meet grant requirements and to obtain the full share of their grant allocations.

2009 Charges

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2009 Charges

1. Work with Coast Guard Boating Safety Division to develop meaningful measures of effectiveness for evaluating state RBS programs. Identify resources for Boating Law Administrators to provide instruction on the design and use of meaningful measures of effectiveness to gauge program performance. (NASBLA 2.4)

How best to gauge a state's RBS program is still a matter of considerable discussion. The committee will work with the USCG in further defining these measures of effectiveness.

2. In consultation with the previous NASBLA Performance Part II committee, work with the Coast Guard Boating Safety Division to assist state boating programs in implementing and improving collection of data to support RBS grant requirements associated with program performance Part II. (NASBLA 2.4.2)

The committee will work closely with the USCG in implementing and improving collection of data to support RBS grants requirements associated with program performance Part II.

3. Examine the historical successes of the national RBS program and, in collaboration with the Marketing & Outreach Subcommittee, recommend marketing materials to aid in the reauthorization of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. (NASBLA 1.1.3, 1.3.1)

As the recreational boating and fishing communities enter the new round of reauthorization of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, it is vital that we market to policymakers the amazing effects of this trust fund and its importance to the states. The committee will work with the Marketing & Outreach Subcommittee in defining and creating our message of success.

4. Work with the Coast Guard Boating Safety Division to define program eligibility requirements/definitions, i.e., approved marine casualty reporting system, adequate education program, sufficient patrol, adequate law enforcement and approved numbering system.

In conjunction with the first charge, a small subgroup will work directly with the USCG in outlining specific definitions and what they mean in a real world situation.

Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee

Committee Charter

Recognizing that accurate vessel information is the backbone of recreational boating safety data, the Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee works to advance boating safety by analyzing and advocating for thorough and precise vessel identification throughout a vessel's chain of ownership from the hull numbering to registration to titling.

Subcommittees for 2009 are Numbering & Titling Subcommittee, Vessel Identification System (VIS) Coordination & Implementation Subcommittee, and the Uniform Certificate of Title Subcommittee.

The Committee and Subcommittees will meet March 13-14, 2009, in Portland, Oregon.

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The Numbering & Titling Subcommittee works and advocates for uniformity in the vessel registration and titling process. Areas of focus for the subcommittee include the Standard Numbering System, titling systems, hull identification numbers and collection and dissemination of data on state numbering and titling.

2009 Charges

1. Prepare comments for NASBLA on revisions to the Standard Numbering System Regulations. (NASBLA 1.1, 1.4) (RBS 9.8)

The Coast Guard has planned for a number of years to update the SNS regulations. The committee should draft NASBLA's comments keeping in mind the policy adopted in the Policy Position on Harmonizing Data Terminology.

2. Assist the Coast Guard in developing vessel titling system guidelines. (NASBLA 1.4)

Vessel Identification System law requires that the Coast Guard approve state vessel titling systems. The committee should work with the Coast Guard to develop those guidelines/benchmarks that will be used in approving these systems.

3. Assist staff with production of the National Vessel Numbering & Titling Manual. (NASBLA 1.4)

Committee members will assist staff with survey development and response rate to produce the third edition of this reference work.

Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee

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The Vessel Identification System (VIS) Coordination & Implementation Subcommittee works to assist the Coast Guard and the states with implementation of the Vessel Identification System and to provide guidance resources for states as they join and implement the VIS.

2009 Charges

1. Assist the USCG on promoting Memoranda of Understanding for and state participation in the Vessel Identification System. Monitor any implementation issues. (NASBLA 1.2, 1.3) (RBS 9.8)

The success of the VIS depends on all states participating in the program. The committee should work to encourage non-participating states to join and address any barriers to implementation.

2. Analyze registration and titling data from a test group of states. Identify common errors and omissions. Develop training materials for states to improve accuracy and completion of registration and titling data. (NASBLA 1.4, 2.3) (RBS 9.8)

To improve data accuracy and integrity the committee should look at a select set of registration data. Error and omission incidents should be noted and strategies for overcoming those incidents should be developed.

3. Work with USCG Documentation Center to notify states when a state registered vessel becomes documented. (NASBLA 1.3)

It is illegal for a boat to be both state registered and federally documented. To prevent this from occurring states must be informed when vessels move from state registration to federal documentation.

4. Assist the Coast Guard in developing guidelines on use of the VIS by agencies other than the states and Coast Guard. (NASBLA 2.3)

As word spreads about the implementation of VIS other organizations are seeking access to the data. Guidelines are needed for use beyond the scope of VIS.

Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee Uniform Certificate of Title Subcommittee

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The Uniform Certificate of Title Subcommittee advocates for vessel titling in all states by working with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and with individual non-title states considering titling legislation.

2009 Charges

1. Work with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) to develop a Uniform Certificate of Title Act that includes vessels. (NASBLA 1.3, 2.1) (RBS 9.8)

NCCUSL is ready to appoint a drafting committee for a vessel UCOTA. The committee should work with NCCUSL and the drafting committee to represent the states' interests.

2. Develop a titling brochure/fact sheet. (NASBLA 1.1)

An information document is needed to promote the benefits of titling with non-titling states, legislators and other stakeholders. Use Boat Titling: The Right Choice as the background for the document.

3. Serve as a resource to non-titling states that wish to enact titling legislation. (NASBLA 1.1, 1.2, 3.5)

As non-titling states consider titling legislation the committee should serve as a resource when called upon by the state agency.