

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

Rapid City, South Dakota

September 9-13, 2017

The annual meeting and conference for the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) was held in Rapid City, South Dakota from September 9 – 13, 2017. Over the week end the National Boating Education Standards panel met to discuss progress on human propelled standards, basic boating knowledge for power, for sailing, and for water-jet propelled boats. There were also updates on language for the passenger safety standard.

The conference officially opened with opening ceremonies, a reception and the opening of the exhibit area on Sunday night. The conference offered those present 24 different learning sessions to learn more about what is happening in the world of boating safety. The Awards luncheon on Monday recognized officers of the year for the three regions of the country, along with other top boating safety professionals in the country who have contributed to education and boating safety.

Updates were received from the Office of Recreational Boating Safety with the United States Coast Guard. The newly appointed leadership of the office (Captain Johnson and Vern Gifford) were in attendance and shared their vision for the future. They shared the new procedures for the next grant cycle. The criteria to be used for grading grants will be shared so those applying can be more focused on sharing what their proposal will do for the priorities of the grants being approved.

Keith Christopher, NBF President