



Memorandum of Understanding

Western States Boating Administrators Association

and the

National Boating Federation

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Western States Boating Administrators Association (hereafter referred to as "WSBAA") and the National Boating Federation (hereafter referred to as "NBF").

WHEREAS, WSBAA is a non-profit association of state officials responsible for the development and implementation of state boating programs in the west; and

WHEREAS, NBF is a national, non-profit volunteer organization monitoring and advocating issues of significance to the recreational boating community representing more than two million boaters; and

WHEREAS, the organizations, having had a long standing relationship, desire to form a covenant of mutual cooperation and collaboration in support of education, legislation, and conservation objectives for the benefit of the boating public in the western states;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the furtherance of the mutual goals and premises hereof and the conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. WSBAA and NBF will work to support each organization's respective mission

A) ***WSBAA's mission is to provide a forum and resources dedicated towards member collaboration in the interest of recreational boating.***

The WSBAA accomplishes its mission by:

- Fostering and sustain partnerships to achieve common goals
- Providing leadership in building awareness and promoting uniformity and reciprocity between states and territories
- Providing for professional development and organizational support to engage and involve members
- Employing best practices and principles in association governance

B) NBF's mission is to represent more than two million American boaters, promote safe boating, to serve as a legislative watchdog and to advocate favorable boating legislation.

The NBF accomplishes its mission by:

- Encouraging effective programs of education and research, and rendering assistance to the members of the NBF in the achievement of these objectives.
- Representing, promoting, and protecting boating and related recreational activities and the interests of recreational boaters at the national level.
- Encouraging programs of development and conservation of water resources, disseminating information concerning such programs, and assisting the members of the federation to plan and to support such programs.
- Providing a medium of exchange of boating information; striving for unanimity among recreational boaters through their national, regional, and local associations; providing a responsible voice in all matters affecting their interest; and encouraging boaters to organize into national, regional, or local associations for stronger, more effective representation.
- Acting as a liaison among boaters, boating organizations, and federal and state agencies.

2. WSBA and NBF will work cooperatively to identify opportunities to strengthen collaborative efforts, including fostering mutual support for WSBA and NBF programs.

3. WSBA and NBF will, when appropriate, jointly pursue projects determined to be mutually beneficial to recreational boaters.

4. WSBA and NBF will work together in identifying and developing advocacy opportunities on topics including education, safety, conservation, waterways management, enforcement, and funding for state recreational boating safety programs.

5. WSBA and NBF will strive to maintain routine communications to promptly address concerns that may arise on recreational boating issues and to keep each organization informed of policies, priorities, actions and other developments that might impact the parties' relationship and/or their ability to support the broader boating safety agenda.

These routine communications may include an invitation for each party to send a representative to attend the other organization's respective meetings, but does not preclude the possibility of special (member only) executive sessions.

6. Finally, in consideration of each organization's willingness to provide complimentary membership benefits to the other party, WSBA and NBF agree to waive membership fees and treat each organization as an associate member of the other.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon its signing and will remain in effect unless terminated by written notice by either party. This understanding does not constitute a legally binding agreement between or among the parties or their authorized representatives. This mutual pledge of support does not commit, bind or obligate either party to participate in any relationship that involves corporate sponsorships and/or a commercial entity, with the exercise of these options left to each organization's respective governing bodies. Either party may request modifications, cancellation, or amendments to this agreement at any time by written notice.

Executed this ___ day of _____ 2012.

For the National Boating Federation

**For the Western States Boating
Administrators Association**

David Pfiffner, President

For: Fred W. Poppe, President