



**JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT  
TO FOSTER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
AND  
THE AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD  
ASSOCIATION**

**The NATIONAL COMMODORE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND THE NATIONAL COMMODORE OF THE AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION**

**SO AS TO** foster the on-water safety of the citizens of both nations, and

**RECOGNIZING** the mutual advantages to be obtained from bilateral cooperation

**HEREBY STATE THEIR INTENTION** to:

- forge an alliance and co-operative partnership between these two volunteer organisations
- continue to provide senior leadership attendance invitations to discuss topics of mutual interest and, as appropriate, develop joint programs
- be aware and advise of any occurrence or activity that may occur within the Pacific Ocean that could be beneficial or affect the operations of either or both organisations

- promote safe boating to the recreational and commercial boating communities in both countries
- save human lives and protect the maritime safety interests of the citizens of both Australia and the USA
- work towards the development of common training and operational standards, achieving international best practice and the delivery of fully accredited CBT competencies to our respective members
- be alert for opportunities to partner and share in the development and application of educational materials
- encourage the exchange of information, technologies and other materials to the benefit of both organizations on their related activities through cooperative visits or joint meetings at all levels of their organizations and linking the websites of both organizations

**AND HEREBY EXPRESS** their mutual determination to pursue additional opportunities for future cooperation.

**SIGNED at Hobart, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006**



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