



**JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT
TO FOSTER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
AND
THE DOMINICAN NAVAL AUXILIARY**

**THE NATIONAL COMMODORE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY AND THE NATIONAL COMMODORE OF THE DOMINICAN
NAVAL AUXILIARY**

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 organizations
- 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 Caribbean that could benefit or affect the maritime safety operations of either or both organizations
- promote safe boating practices to the recreational and commercial boating communities in both countries

- protect the maritime safety interest, including saving human lives, of the citizens of both the Dominican Republic and the USA
- work towards the development of common training and operational standards employing maritime safety best practices.
- be alert to opportunities to partner and share in the development and application of maritime safety educational materials

exchange maritime safety best practices 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 public web sites of both organizations

AND HEREBY STATE

- This Joint Statement of Intent is not a binding agreement and does not create any obligation by either organization to obligate funds, resources, or personnel. Nothing herein is intended to modify, or conflict with, the laws regulations, policies, or other agreements applicable to either organization or their respective nations.

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

SIGNED ON:

DATE 27 August 2011

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BY:

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