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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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American
Canoe
Association

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

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Between
U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
And
AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION
In Support of the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safet

1. BACKGROUND

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary ("USCGAU civilian component of the United States Coast Guard ("USCG"). Congress and operates in support of the USCG's support of recre ("RBS") and the preservation of the maritime environment. developed various RBS programs including the Vessel Safety Chec to provide recreational boaters an advisory review of their ves equipment and additional recommended equipment. In this capacit responsibility of identifying and empowering additional organi and/or support the VSCP. The United States Power Squadrons® (number of States and organizations, have joined the USCGAUX safety checks or as supporters of the VSCP around the countr organizations have a demonstrated commitment to boating safet outreach efforts, emphasis on education, law enforcement activiti and organizations that do not choose to conduct vessel safety chec successful execution of the Program within their jurisdiction and r support the Program. By doing so the State or organization serve program, which include boaters and their families, member organizations, and vendors of boats and boating equipment.

Founded in 1880, the American Canoe Association (ACA) is t largest paddlesports organization, directly representing over 50,0 country. ACA serves as a representative for the millions of canoeing, kayaking and rafting. As such, the ACA is constantly world a better and safer place to paddle. ACA is engaged in safeguard the nation's recreational waters and protect paddler acce recognized leader in paddling instruction and safety education. Cu ACA-certified canoe and kayak instructors in the U.S. teach students each year.

The following terms of agreement apply to the American promotional support of the Vessel Safety Check Program and rec programs.

2. AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION / US COAST GUARD AU
UNDERSTANDING

The ACA will work with designees of the USCGAUX to develo
promotional program in support of the Vessel Safety Check Program
Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating S
paddlesports.

The ACA and the USCGAUX will cooperate in the development of
boating safety programs and the training and promotion the
development of a paddlesports vessel safety check program.

The ACA supports the activities of the USCGAUX, USPS and authe
and will, as resources and conditions permit, invite the USCGAUX t
Safety Check Program in conjunction with paddlesport events and
and USCGAUX will utilize their internal resources to provide mar
of the program to the greater paddlesport community.

The ACA will publicize the Vessel Safety Check and Recreat
programs in its various magazines, brochures, newsletters, and
opportunities to heighten the awareness of the boating public to
Safety Checks and boater safety education and training.

As part of its participation and support, the ACA will recogn
importance of Vessel Safety Checks and boater education to
paddlecraft. The Vessel Safety Check and accompanying one-o
important way to save lives on the water.

USCGAUX has the responsibility to establish and periodically re
for Vessel Safety Checks, the eligibility of various types of water
and criteria for award of the Vessel Safety Check decal.

The USCGAUX and the ACA will conduct publicity campaigns
emphasize the value of their RBS programs. This will include art
local papers.

While conducting Vessel Safety Checks, Vessel Examiners will di
specific boating safety information in order for the paddler to com
Federal requirements. The Vessel Examiners will also provide inf
on how to obtain hands-on paddlesport training including informa
and instruction program. The benefit of the program will be t
which impact the paddling community and ultimately to support
educated and safety conscious boater population.

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MODIFICATIONS: Modifications to this Agreement may be ma
all the parties to this Agreement. All modifications to this agre
writing.

OTHER PROVISIONS: Nothing within this agreement is inte
current law or regulations or the directives of the United St
Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard Au
Canoe Association. If a term of this Agreement is inconsistent w
the term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions
remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The terms of this Agreement will becom
when signed by all parties.

REVIEW AND MODIFICATION: This Agreement will be reviewed

TERMINATION: The terms of this agreement, and any terms a
consent of all parties, will remain in effect until terminated upon w
the other parties hereto.

FOR THE AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION

APPROVED APPROVED

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Pamela Dillon, Executive Director

FOR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY:

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