MEMORANDUM OF INTENT TO COOPERATE

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

AND

THE BAHAMAS AIR-SEA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Signed this 30th day of August, 2003
Nashville, Tennessee

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This Memorandum of Intent to Cooperate is between the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY (USCGAUX), a civilian volunteer organization administered by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and the BAHAMAS AIR-SEA RESCUE ASSOCIATION (BASRA), an independent, non-profit civilian organization administered by the BASRA Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" of this Memorandum of Intent (MOI)).

A. STATUS OF THIS DOCUMENT: The intentions of the Participants as described in this document create no obligation for any governmental agency exercising administrative jurisdiction or authority over either Participant except as authorized by existing laws or regulations.

B. PURPOSE: The purpose of this MOI is to foster cooperation between the Participants for the enhancement of their common goals of promoting boating safety, saving human lives and enhancing the safety of life at sea, protecting the marine environment, and promoting the maritime safety interests of the citizens of their respective countries.

C. AREAS OF COOPERATION: To facilitate cooperation, the Participants may:

1. Exchange training materials on search and rescue (SAR), disaster relief, environmental response, vessel safety checks, public education, and other boating safety mission related activities;

2. Participate, by invitation from the other Participant, in joint search and rescue (SAR) training exercises, disaster relief, environmental response, vessel safety checks and conferences conducted by the other Participant, providing technical and administrative expertise as mutually arranged;

3 Conduct radio communications on authorized frequencies;

4. Coordinate cooperative activities through the appointment of liaison officers and/or committees from among their members;

5. Encourage the exchange of information, technologies, and other mutually beneficial mission-related materials through the linking of organizational INTERNET websites and exchange visits or joint meetings at various levels of their respective organizations;

6. Provide mutual assistance and supplemental mission support to the other Participant, as requested by the appropriate authority of the Participant with prime responsibility for the mission. This mission support will be provided as authorized by the appropriate authority of the administering organization, contingent upon the availability of personnel, facilities, and funding;

7. Invite or arrange for official representatives of appropriate governmental agencies of their countries to attend or participate in activities under this MOI.

D. MUTUAL SUPPORT: Assistance by either Participant to the other for search and rescue or other missions will be in accordance with appropriate authority and protocol. Each Participant will comply with the regulations and operating procedures of their own administering organization (U.S. Coast Guard or other), as appropriate.

E. FUNDING: Nothing in this MOI creates an obligation for either Participant or its administering organization to allocate funds, resources, or personnel to any activities hereunder. Unless otherwise arranged, each Participant should fund its own participation in activities related to this MOI.

F. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS: Nothing in this MOI is intended to conflict with current law or regulation, or the directives of the respective Participants or their administering organizations. Nothing in this MOI modifies or substitutes for applicable regulations and by-laws of the respective Participants.

G. POINTS OF CONTACT: The Participants intend that the following officials will be the points of contact for purposes of initiating and exercising the provisions of Paragraph D.

1. For the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary – National Commodore or Director, International Affairs of the USCGAUX.

2. For the Bahamas Air-Sea Rescue Association – Commodore of BASRA or Operations Manager, BASRA.

H. COMMENCEMENT AND DISCONTINUATION OF ACTIVITIES; MODIFICATION:

Activities contemplated under this MOI may commence upon signature and may continue until participation herein is discontinued as described in paragraph H. 2.

2 Either Participant may discontinue its participation in activities under this MOI at any time, and should notify the other Participant in writing of its intention to do so not less than thirty (30) days in advance.

3 The Participants intend to consult regarding activities in progress at the time participation is discontinued. Activities already in progress should not be affected by discontinuation of participation unless the Participants reach an understanding to the contrary.

4. This MOI may be amended with the written consent of both Participants.

SIGNED in duplicate at the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, on the 30th day of August 2003.

APPROVED

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