Memorandum Of Understanding
Between
The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources Division Of Watercraft
And
The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Statement Of Policy On Conducting NASBLA Approved Boating Safety Education Courses

This memorandum of understanding is between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources–Division of Watercraft (hereafter referred to as ODNR-Watercraft) and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (hereafter referred to as the USCGAUX).

In furtherance of mutual goals, the ODNR-Watercraft and the USCGAUX agree to cooperate according to the guidelines for activities set forth below. These guidelines describe a process for working in mutual cooperation in conducting and teaching public NASBLA approved boating safety courses in order to create a safer operating experience for Ohio boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties agree to cooperate as follows:

I. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Will Cooperate As Follows:

A. Schedule and administer boating safety courses in the state of Ohio through the pertinent USCGAUX administrative structure.

B. Continue to conduct USCGAUX boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) *"National Boating Education Standards"*.

C. Utilize state of Ohio materials and examinations covering Ohio boating laws in the conduct of all NASBLA approved USCGAUX courses. Administer the ODNR-Watercraft supplied exam in the conduct of USCGAUX courses.

D. Request participation of ODNR-Watercraft personnel in the conduct of all class sessions covering state boating regulations and laws. Provide appropriate ODNR-Watercraft field office with information as to the date, time, location, and the name and telephone number of a contact person for class sessions in which state personnel are requested. (Minimum three months notice if possible.)

E. Provide ODNR-Watercraft, Public Information and Education Section with information as to the date(s), time(s), cost, location, and the name and telephone number of a contact person for all USCGAUX courses for purposes of promoting course offerings to the public. (Minimum three months notice if possible.)

F. Document that state specific information was taught and that the ODNR-Watercraft supplied examination was administered in the conduct of USCGAUX courses.

   1. Apply an ODNR-Watercraft provided seal upon USCGAUX course completion certificates issued to students successfully completing both the USCGAUX and ODNR-Watercraft examinations.
   2. Utilize an ODNR-Watercraft provided *"45-Day Temporary Certification"* in accordance with established procedures for issuing of student copies and submitting copies to ODNR-Watercraft.
   3. Utilize and submit an ODNR-Watercraft provided *"Program Report Form"* in accordance with established procedures.

G. Provide a principal USCGAUX point of contact to work directly with the ODNR–Watercraft, State Boating Law Administrator, or designated representative, in the execution of this agreement and associated program.

H. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the civilian volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard authorized by Congress, being Title 14 USC 821 et. seq., to perform those duties as authorized and directed by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. Accordingly, due to the volunteer nature of the services offered by the Auxiliary, limited fiscal resources and multi-mission demands of the parent service, the Auxiliary may only be able to extend performance as time and resources warrant. Notwithstanding, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary shall extend its best efforts to cooperate in all the areas enumerated above.

II. The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources–Division Of Watercraft Will Cooperate As Follows:

A. Recognize successful completion of NASBLA approved USCGAUX courses as meeting state education requirements. Recognize an original or a notarized copy of a USCGAUX course completion certificate containing an Ohio seal as acceptable for any state requirements needing proof of course completion.

B. Provide state pamphlets and/or other materials as appropriate containing information for each student attending NASBLA approved USCGAUX co periodic updates to materials as necessitated by changes in state of Ohio law

C. Provide contact information for use by the USCGAUX in requesting ODN NASBLA approved USCGAUX courses. Provide contact information fo course information to ODNR-Watercraft for purposes of promoting course

D. Provide examinations covering the state of Ohio boating laws and regulati not more than 15 questions.

E. Provide annual workshop(s) to USCGAUX instructors covering state procedures for the conduct of programs in accordance with this agreeme with a manual covering procedures for the conduct of programs in accordar

F. Provide the USCGAUX instructors with updates concerning changes in sta as necessitated by changes in state of Ohio laws. Provide the USCGAUX for the conduct of programs in accordance with this agreement.

G. Provide a means to document that state specific information was taught a examination was administered in the conduct of USCGAUX courses.

   1. Provide a means for USCGAUX instructors to apply a seal upon students successfully completing both the USCGAUX and ODNR-

   2. Provide *"45-Day Temporary Certification"* cards for USCGAUX established procedures in the conduct of USCGAUX courses.

   3. Maintain a database and enter data of students completing USCG with this agreement and issue a state certificate to those students.

H. All obligations of the state of Ohio are subject to the provision of the C section stipulates that any contract, agreement, or obligation involving t invalid and unenforceable unless the director of the Ohio Office of appropriated money exists to cover the expense.

III. Mutual Areas of Cooperation:

A. Additions or deletions may be presented and adopted by both parties at any of understanding as if part of the original agreement. Any amendments r the written consent of both parties.

B. This agreement will not conflict with the current Federal/State Co Agreement between the United States Coast Guard and the State of Ohio Section 4 – TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING, Paragraph c – Public Educa

C. The effective date of this understanding is November 13, 2003, and may day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memoran complete agreement between the parties.

D. In carrying out the terms of this memorandum, there shall be no discrimi race, color, creed, national origin or disability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have herewith set their hands and seal written.

For the State of Ohio:

APPROVED

Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Date

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Chief, ODNR Division of Watercraft Date

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