

INTERNATIONAL PROCLAMATION on U.S. COURSE APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the National Recreational Boating Safety Program in the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971. In 1983, Congress revised, reorganized, and codified Title 46 U.S. Code Chapter 131 as follows:

Section 13102(a): "To encourage greater State participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts, and particularly to permit the States to assume the greater share of boating safety education, assistance, and enforcement activities, the Secretary shall carry out a national recreational boating safety program. Under this program, the Secretary shall make contracts with, and allocate and distribute amounts to, eligible States to assist them in developing, carrying out, and financing State recreational boating safety programs"; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, Congress updated and amended 46 U.S. Code Chapter 131 and other related sections, reaffirming the authorization and value of this Program; and

WHEREAS, membership of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is comprised of Boating Law Administrators of each of the 56 States, U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. By official vote, State, Territory, and D.C. authorities recognize NASBLA requirements and seek NASBLA "Approval" for official powerboat and motorized sail education certification courses and requirements within each State, U.S. Territory or D.C; and

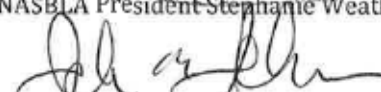
WHEREAS, NASBLA is recognized by the American National Standards Institute as an Accredited Standards Developer Organization. Under this accreditation, NASBLA created the American National Standard for Powerboating (ANSI/NASBLA 103-2016: Basic Boating Knowledge – Power) and Sail (ANSI/NASBLA 102-2017: Basic Boating Knowledge – Sailing).

THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN BY ALL MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD THAT the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in partnership with individual states, U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia (DC) is recognized by the United States Coast Guard as THE OFFICIAL national entity to approve power and motorized sail boating courses resulting in the issuance of boating education cards or boat operator licenses of individual states, districts, and territories of the United States of America.

Proclaimed this 3rd day of June, 2017 in Lexington, Kentucky.



NASBLA President Stephanie Weatherington



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