

**NATIONAL BOATING SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**November 11, 2012  
Watsonville, CA**

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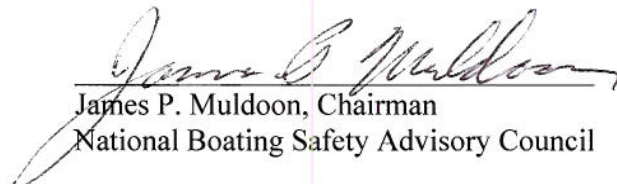
**On-Water Instructor Licensing**

**WHEREAS**, recreational boating safety on-water Instruction is apparently being hindered by the current United States Coast Guard OUPV and Master Operator Licensing Laws and Regulations; AND

**WHEREAS**, such hindrance abrogates many of the intents, purposes and goals of the National RBS Strategic Plan involving on-water boating safety instruction, which is a matter of great current urgency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, meeting in regular session in Watsonville California on November 11, 2012, recommends that the United States Coast Guard shall conduct a comprehensive review of the current instructor licensing requirements and procedures for recreational boating on-water safe boating instructors and that consideration be given to modification of these requirements by the United States Coast Guard by modifying the current applicable regulations and requirements to further and encourage the boating safety instruction goals of the Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan. A matrix shall be created with several various situational parameters affecting the licensing of safety instruction providers. Polling shall take place of the various major organizations currently conducting on-water recreational boating safety instruction and their needs and concerns shall be addressed within the matrix so as to further the educational goals of the Strategic plan, specifically addressing the facilitation of United States Coast Guard licensing or permitting for on-water safety instructors. Attention shall also be addressed to any other regulations or rules of other United States entities affecting the attainment of on-water instructor licensing.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution will be forwarded to the Commandant of the Coast Guard and an update be provided at the next NBSAC meeting.

  
James P. Muldoon, Chairman  
National Boating Safety Advisory Council