

NATIONAL BOATING SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

**November 11, 2012
Watsonville, CA**

Resolution Number 2012-90-04

**SCOPE AND FREQUENCY OF THE NATIONAL RECREATIONAL BOATING
SURVEY**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Coast Guard, acting under its authority as the National Coordinator of the Recreational Boating Safety Program, has worked for many years to develop and implement the National Recreational Boating Survey; AND

WHEREAS, portions of the data obtained from this survey are necessary to establish estimates of exposure hours, the population of non-registered boats in the U. S., and to set goals and measures within the Strategic Plan for the National Boating Safety Program, while other portions of the data being obtained are less important to the Program; AND

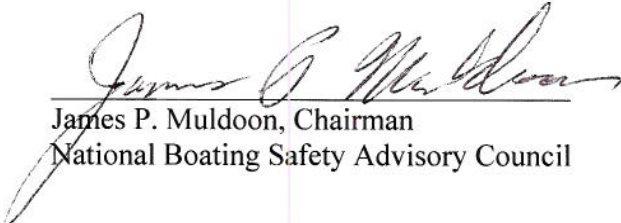
WHEREAS, the economic conditions currently facing the Federal government, specifically the U. S. Coast Guard and its Division of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, suggest that continued gathering of non-essential data during future survey samplings is unreasonable; AND

WHEREAS, the current schedule of every-other-year survey intervals is more frequent than necessary to ensure the Program's future ability to identify trends in recreational boating; AND

WHEREAS, the data collected during the first two years of samplings is deemed to be sufficient to provide this other informative, but not critical, data for use within the Program, as needed;

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 U. S. Coast Guard take action to reduce the scope of the National Recreational Boating Survey to ensure that the essential elements required for the establishment of reliable estimates of exposure hours, the population of non-registered boats in the U. S., and to provide critical information relative to goals and measures within the Program's Strategic Plan are gathered and that the survey be conducted less frequently than once every two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Commandant of the Coast Guard.


James P. Muldoon, Chairman
National Boating Safety Advisory Council