

Nonprofit Organization Grants:  
Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety  
Recreational Boating Safety

Federal Grant Title: National Non-Profit Organization Grant Program  
Federal Agency: United States Coast Guard  
Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-USCG-2014-001  
Type of Funding: Cooperative Agreement  
CFDA Numbers: 97.012  
CFDA Descriptions: Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)  
Grant Number: 3314FAN140211  
Grant Title: National Recreational Boating Safety Boating Accident Investigation Courses

Award Amount: \$224,352.00

Synopsis:

This grant supports the continued efforts of the states and NASBLA to improve the reliability of accident reporting. The grant provides funding for the Boating Accident Investigation courses. NASBLA will conduct four Level I – Comprehensive courses and one Level II – Advanced course. This grant indirectly affects much of the rest of the Strategic Plan in that the statistics used to develop the goals, objectives and strategies are gathered and reported by the officers trained through this grant.

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December 23, 2015

**RE: NASBLA Final Grant Report – National Recreational Boating Safety Boating  
Accident Investigation Courses**

**Grant No. 1402.11**

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find a grant project report for the NASBLA - Coast Guard Grant Agreement 1402.11. This report is for the period October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015.

***I. Narrative Performance Report***

*Task 1: Identify, select and contract course instructors.* NASBLA contracted with four instructors for the FY14 courses. They are Gary Haupt, Missouri State Police (retired); Mike Neal, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Steve Mevers, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission; and Matt Majors, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Each of the individuals has extensive experience in the instruction of the NASBLA boating accident investigation courses, including development of the current course curriculum. Each brings a different regional flavor and set of experiences to the instructor cadre, which will be helpful as we travel around the country. Additionally, four instructors entered the training program in an effort to expand our trainer corps.

*Task 2: Refine and update curriculum lesson plans, visual aids and other teaching components.* For FY15, the entire course curriculum was revised to more rigorously meet adult learning principles. All of the PowerPoints were revised to reflect changes in the course delivery. The content of the course was not changed, but the order was revised and the details on training methods updated.

Student manuals were developed as a reference tool to supplement the PowerPoint modules, with each module having a corresponding chapter in the manual. The manual also contains the U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety regulations and contact information for ABYC and SAE. NASBLA staff maintains and produces each manual. Additionally, NASBLA staff procures and produces the tool kit included with each manual. The tool kit contains the *National Boating Accident Investigation Field Guide* and a boating accident drawing template, at a minimum.

*Task 3: Identify and secure sites for four comprehensive courses and one advanced accident investigation course.* NASBLA staff and program management team members surveyed state members and sited courses in Folsom, California; Auburn, New York; Stevensville, Maryland; and Selma, Alabama. The Advanced course was held in Phoenix, Arizona.

*Task 4: Coordinate storage of crashed boats.* . NASBLA currently has two sets of crashed vessels for use in Level II – Advanced accident investigation courses. One set of crashed boats is stored at the Arizona Game & Fish facility near Phoenix, Arizona. The second set of crashed vessels is stored at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Havana, Florida.

*Task 5: Recruit potential accident investigators for comprehensive and advanced courses.* A total of four Level I – Comprehensive courses and one Level II – Advanced course were conducted in FY15. 122 officers attended the Level I – Comprehensive course and 33 officers attended the Level II – Advanced course. See Attachment A for rosters.

*Task 6: Provide on-site logistical support for courses.* NASBLA staff worked with the course sites to ensure adequate space was available for the classes. Staff provided registration support, including sign in sheets, name badges, name tents, and course rosters and certificates. Staff distributed the tool kit to each student, including a manual, a set of accident templates, and the *National Boating Accident Investigation Field Guide*. Staff worked with the host state to ensure the availability of boats for use during the course.

*Task 8: Conduct accident investigation courses.* Courses were conducted in Folsom, California; Auburn, New York; Stevensville, Maryland; and Selma, Alabama. The Advanced course was held in Phoenix, Arizona

*Task 9: Maintain and update accident investigator database.* All student data has been entered into the student database. The database is current and correct.

## *II. Obstacles/Impediments*

There are no significant obstacles or impediments to report at this time.

## *III. Financial Status Report*

See separate financial report SF 425. Copies of this report, as well as original of the financial report have been forwarded to the Coast Guard Grant Administrator.

If you have any questions, or if I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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