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**Final Report**  
**USCG Grant 1202.15**  
**“Boating Safety Partnering and Targeted Boating Safety Outreach”**  
**June 2012 – February 2013**

Dear Mr. Hertz,

The American Canoe Association (ACA) has completed the following partnering activities and efforts under Grant 1202.15, a project titled *Boating Safety Partnering and Targeted Boating Safety Outreach*. The ACA has completed the tasks outlined below from June 2012 through February 2013.

The goal of this project was to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventative means, in order to maximize safe use and enjoyment of U.S. waterways by the public.

The ACA has actively been conducting activities and efforts under this grant to partner with a range of organizations by attending and presenting at various meetings, conferences, and symposiums. At these events, the ACA actively represents the safety and educational aspects of paddlesports, canoe, kayak, raft and SUP, to the respective organizations so that they have the information required to make informed decisions pertaining to paddlesports.

For the partnering component of this grant, the ACA was able to attend all or parts of the following different meetings and educational outreach opportunities.

The ACA is pleased to report on the following partnering efforts throughout this grant project:

- 2012 WSBA Conference – Presentation
  - Breckenridge, Colorado
  - (June 2012) – Chris Stec
- 2012 Outdoor Retailer – Exhibit, SUP Presentation
  - Salt Lake City, Utah
  - (August 2012) – Chris Stec
- 2012 NACON – USCG Auxiliary – Attendance, Exhibit, multiple Presentations
  - San Antonio, Texas
  - (August 2012) – Chris Stec, Trey Knight
- 2012 NASBLA Conference – Attendance, Exhibit and On-Water Presentation
  - Mobile, Alabama
  - (September 2012) – Chris Stec
- 2012 Whitewater Symposium – Attendance, Exhibit, SUP Presentation
  - White Salmon, Washington
  - (October 2012) – Chris Stec
- 2012 Boy Scouts of America Aquatics Taskforce Meeting
  - Little Rock, Arkansas
  - (October 2012) – Chris Stec
- 2012 Wilderness Risk Management Conference – Attendance, Exhibit
  - Portland, Oregon
  - (October 2012) – Trey Knight
- 2012 America Outdoors Conference - Attendance, Exhibit, On-Water Presentation
  - Daytona Beach, Florida
  - (December 2012) – Chris Stec
- 2013 Surf Expo – Attend, and Exhibit (large, stand up paddleboarding event)
  - Orlando, Florida
  - (January 2013) – Trey Knight
- 2013 Spirit of America - Global Initiative for Access-Ability Education – Two Presentations
  - Miami, FL
  - (January 2013) – Chris Stec
- 2013 Boy Scouts of America Aquatics Taskforce Meeting
  - Dallas, Texas
  - (February 2013) – Chris Stec
- 2013 American Camp Association Conference – Attend, Exhibit, Presentation
  - Dallas, Texas
  - (October 2012) – Trey Knight

We have also used grant funds during this timeframe to make initial travel arrangements, at the best rate possible, for the following upcoming partnering opportunity:

- International Boating & Water Safety Summit - Attend, Exhibit, Presentations
  - San Antonio, Texas
  - (March 2013) – Chris Stec, Trey Knight