

## **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-2015-001
Type of Funding:	Cooperative Agreement
CFDA Numbers:	97.012
CFDA Descriptions:	Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

Grant Number: 3315FAN150221

Grant Title: National Recreational Boating Safety Boating Accident Investigation Courses

Award Amount: \$261,993.00

### **Synopsis:**

The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of professionally trained boating accident investigators at the local, state, and federal levels. This will be accomplished by providing training on boating accident investigation to the states. Specifically by holding five comprehensive and one advanced boating accident investigation course.

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

**Grant No. 1502.21**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed is the final grant report for grant number 1502.21, National Recreational Boating Safety Boating Accident investigation Courses. This report is for the period of October 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016.

***I. Narrative Performance Report***

*Task 1: Identify, select and contract course instructors.* NASBLA contracted with Gary Haupt to serve as Program Manager for the Boating Accident Investigation program. Other instructors include Steve Mevers, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission; Matt Majors, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and Mike Neal, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. NASBLA also continues to utilize additional instructors from accredited agencies in order to build out the instructor cadre.

*Task 2: Refine and update curriculum lesson plans, visual aids and other teaching components.* The curriculum was updated this year to include more adult learning standard components to each module, including a list of goals and review questions for each module. Also three new modules were added, including Human Factors, Conducting Interviews and Electric Shock Drowning. Finally, the Investigative Procedures module was enhanced to provide a more effective set of guidelines regarding the investigation process.

*Task 3: Identify and secure sites for five comprehensive courses and one advanced accident investigation course.* NASBLA Staff and program management recruited host states for the five comprehensive courses. A total of 12 states requested to host a course in FY16. Courses were conducted in Columbia, South Carolina; Denver, Colorado; Foxborough, Massachusetts; Jacksonville, Florida; and Tacoma, Washington. The Advanced course was held in Havana, Florida at the Florida Public Safety institute.

*Task 4: Coordinate storage of crashed boats.* One set of crashed boats is housed at the Arizona Game and Fish facility in Phoenix, Arizona. A second set of crashed boats is housed at the Florida Public Safety Institute in Havana, Florida. NASBLA is conducting the Advanced accident investigation courses at these two locations to give more students the opportunity to attend the second level of training. The boats will continue to be stored in a manner that will allow NASBLA to access the boats easily for use in the advanced course without any additional charges to move the boats to another site. Additionally, NASBLA will be participating in staged boating collisions in Virginia over the next several years, replacing worn-out vessels with newer crashed boats as we go along.

*Task 5: Recruit potential accident investigators for comprehensive and advanced courses.* A total of five Level I – Comprehensive courses and one Level II – Advanced course were conducted in FY16. See Attachment A for rosters.

*Task 6: Provide logistical support for courses.* NASBLA staff worked with the host state agencies 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 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 7: Conduct accident investigation training.* Courses were conducted in Columbia, South Carolina; Denver, Colorado; Foxborough, Massachusetts; Jacksonville, Florida; and Tacoma, Washington. The Advanced course was held in Havana, Florida at the Florida Public Safety institute.

*Task 8: Maintain and update accident investigator database.* All students are entered into the NASBLA database at registration. Upon completion of the course, students are issued certificates electronically through the 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 financial report SF 425. Copies of this report and the financial report have been forwarded to the Coast Guard Grant Administrator.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/John M. Johnson/

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Chief Executive Officer  
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