



MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE AND THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

STATEMENT OF POLICY ON THE TEACHING AND CERTIFICATION OF BOATING SAFETY COURSES

This memorandum of understanding is between the Massachusetts Environmental Police (hereafter referred to as MEP), and the United States Power Squadrons (hereafter referred to as USPS).

In furtherance of their mutual goals, the MEP and the USPS agree to work together according to the guidelines for activities set forth below, and to work in mutual cooperation in teaching boating safety courses and, ultimately, to create a safer operating experience for Massachusetts boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The United States Power Squadrons shall have the following responsibilities:**
 - A. Schedule and administer boating safety courses in the state through the USPS administrative structure.
 - B. Continue to conduct and administer the boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' (NASBLA) guidelines and course requirements.
 - C. Utilize state pamphlets covering Massachusetts boating laws in the conduct of USPS NASBLA approved courses.
 - D. Request participation of MEP officers in the conduct of classes covering state boating regulations and laws.
 - E. Provide the MEP with information on the date, time, and location of public boating safety courses. Provide the name and number of a contact person.
 - F. Provide each student successfully completing the USPS NASBLA approved courses with a USPS Certificate of Completion.

1. Continued:

G. Document that state specific information was taught and a MEP supplied exam was administered by stamping the USPS course completion certificate with a state supplied stamp.

H. No state fee, other than local taxes, shall be associated in any manner with the fees charged for textbooks, materials, and other course supplies, and those charged to defray any custodial or classroom usage fees.

I. Provide a principal USPS point of contact to work directly with the State Boating Law Administrator, or designated representative, in the execution of this program.

2. The Massachusetts Environmental Police shall have the following responsibilities:

A. Recognize successful completion of the USPS NASBLA approved courses as meeting state boating education requirements.

B. Provide a course quiz covering state specific laws and regulations.

C. Provide state pamphlets and other materials for each student attending the NASBLA approved USPS courses.

D. Provide state certification stamps to instructors for use on existing USPS student certificates indicating coverage of state specific material.

E. Provide a listing of MEP contacts to schedule presentations at boating safety courses.

F. Provide orientation workshops to USPS instructors covering Massachusetts watercraft laws and regulations.

G. Provide USPS instructors with periodic updates concerning changes in state boating laws and regulations.

H. All obligations of the State of Massachusetts are subject to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90B.

3. Mutual responsibilities:

A. Any amendments made to this undertaking must be with the written consent of both parties.

B. The effective date of this understanding is January 1st, 1999, and may be terminated by either party upon a 30 day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that the memorandum and its attachments represents the complete agreement between the parties.

C. In carrying out the terms of this memorandum, there shall be no discrimination against any person because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, or disability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties have herewith set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

For the United States Power Squadrons:

Arthur H. Farr, Jr. 11/13/98
Arthur H. Farr, Chief Commander, United States Power Squadrons Date

For the State of Massachusetts:

Richard A. Murray 10/26/98
Colonel Richard A. Murray, Director, Massachusetts Environmental Police Date

Larry Chenier 10/19/98
Lieutenant Larry Chenier, Supervisor, Boat and Recreational Vehicle Safety Bureau Date