Memorandum of Understanding

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and

The United States Power Squadrons®

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a cooperative agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the United States Power Squadrons (USPS®), a non-profit corporation. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the United States Power Squadrons recognize that by working together they may better provide to the boaters of Iowa the benefits of the services and assistance available through both organizations.

It is the goal of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to provide a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience for the boaters navigating Iowa's waters. This shall be accomplished through a variety of educational efforts and opportunities that shall include working closely with boating organizations, marine dealers, individual boaters, and schools.

Furthermore, the department shall take a proactive role in the fair and equitable enforcement of Iowa's boating regulations in an effort to minimize the hazards created by boating law violations. Through effective education and enforcement, the Iowa DNR will work closely with the boating public to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating experience."

The objectives of the USPS include the encouragement and promotion of a high amateur skill in the handling and navigation of yachts, power and sail; the encouragement and promotion of the study of the science and art of navigation, seamanship and small boat handling; the development and promotion of instructional programs; and increase in knowledge and skill in yachting through instruction, self-education and participation in marine sports activities.

In order to further these goals and objectives, the parties agree as follows:

USPS Responsibilities:

The USPS shall schedule, conduct and administer public boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) guidelines and requirements.

The USPS shall provide the IDNR information on date, time and location of public boating safety courses offered in Iowa.

The USPS shall utilize information and up to ten examination questions provided by IDNR in USPS public boating safety courses in Iowa.

The chairmen or leaders of USPS public boating safety courses shall endeavor to attend an IDNR initial orientation workshop, when available, covering Iowa watercraft laws and regulations. Attendance by all instructors of public boating safety courses is encouraged.

The USPS shall when appropriate request participation of IDNR personnel in the conduct of public boating classes which cover state boating regulations and laws.

The USPS shall provide each student successfully completing a USPS NASBLA approved course with a USPS certificate of completion.

The USPS shall complete state forms and return them to IDNR to certify successful completion of appropriate NASBLA approved courses.

IDNR Responsibilities

The IDNR shall recognize successful completion of the USPS NASBLA approved courses conducted in accordance with this MOU as meeting Iowa boating education requirements.

The IDNR shall provide to USPS information regarding Iowa boating laws and regulations and changes thereto which IDNR desires to be utilized in public boating safety courses in Iowa.

The IDNR shall provide appropriate orientation workshops for USPS instructors covering Iowa watercraft laws and regulations.

The IDNR shall provide up to ten examination questions on state specific laws and regulations for incorporation in examinations for USPS NASBLA approved public boating safety courses.

The IDNR shall when requested provide personnel to participate in instruction regarding state boating laws and regulations during USPS public classes, as practical.

Mutual Responsibilities

The parties agree to continue to pursue opportunities for cooperation that will enhance their missions and objectives.

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

The effective date of this understanding is 5^{-15-00} , and may be terminated by either party upon a 30-day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memorandum represents the complete agreement between the parties.

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.

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