

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Boating Safety Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Boating Safety Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

194

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/01/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/01/2026

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2029

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

§ 601 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-282, 132 Stat. 4192 and is codified in 46 U.S.C. § 15105

13. Effective Date

12/04/2018

14. Committee

Type

14c. Presidential?

Continuing No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

1

17b. Closed 0

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss matters relating to the national boating safety.	01/17/2024	01/17/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee accomplishes its purpose well in advising the Coast Guard on a variety of boating safety issues, both those that would require regulatory or legislative action and those that would require other action by the US Coast Guard. In FY 2023, the Committee focused on major issues: (1) Finalizing the current National Recreational Boating Safety Program's 2022-2026

Strategic Plan; and (2) Reviewing boating safety regulations and other preventive measures. In general discussion at the Committee meetings, representatives of major national boating elements apprised the Committee of the programs, issues and present and planned actions of their respective organizations, which resulted in a valuable exchange of information and views. Three standing NBSAC Subcommittees (i.e., Boats and Associated Equipment, Strategic Planning, and Prevention through People) considered a myriad of in-depth issues, which included the following: Standards Review, Rental Vessels, Communications Plan, Boating Safety Equipment Requirements, and Alternative Compliance.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The present Committee membership is well balanced in accordance with the intent of Congress with 21 members divided into three boating interest segments. During FY 2023, the manufacturing segment included representatives from manufacturers of a variety of types of recreational boats/vessels and associated equipment. The State boating safety officials segment was composed of representatives of a cross section of the States that were geographically diverse (i.e., northeast, southeast, midwest, southwest and west coast) and represented various coastal and inland boating activity. The last sector is composed of prominent members of five national boating organizations and two members of the public. The different areas of expertise on the Committee give the Coast Guard a very balanced views on related programs. Additionally, to ensure that the recommendations of the Committee take into

account the needs of diverse groups, membership appointments consider, to the extent practicable, geography, minorities, gender, and persons with disabilities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

During FY 2023, the full Committee met one time in person (there was also a virtual option for the meeting) and one meeting virtually. The Prevention Through People, Boats and Associated Equipment, and Strategic Planning subcommittees met during fiscal year 2023. Meetings are very relevant to following through on actions recommended and addressing new and emerging recreational boating problems and developments.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

NBSAC provides broad-based input to the Coast Guard regarding regulations and other major boating safety matters in accordance with its statutory mandate. This balance helps to ensure that regulations, if that solution is utilized, are well founded, and also that safety issues/concerns of the diverse boating interests are brought to the Coast Guard's attention. Advice given by this Committee is not available from within the Department because it does not employ (1) State boating safety officials; (2) boat and/or associated equipment manufacturers; or (3) representatives of national boating organizations. The members serving on this Committee are experienced and knowledgeable representatives of their respective fields. The desired impact and credibility is not available through other committees or agencies, and could not be achieved through public hearings. The use of consultants would prove to be quite expensive compared to what is now being

expended for the large amount of professional time involved in Committee projects. In addition, there is no equivalent means available to fund and organize consumer representation in rulemaking in the systematic way that is presently achieved through the public members of the Committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Under 46 U.S.C. § 15109(m), the Committee is authorized to continue until September 30, 2029.

Designated Federal Officer

Verne Gifford Chief, Boating Safety Division,
Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adey, John	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	ABYC	Representative Member
Anders, Laurel	04/15/2024	12/31/2027	Deputy Executive Director	Representative Member
Brown, Grant	04/15/2024	12/31/2027	Boating Safety and Registrations Program Manager	Representative Member
Bryant, Rachel	04/15/2024	12/31/2027	Captain	Representative Member
Chisholm, Peter	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Mercury Marine	Representative Member
Dunleavy, Timothy	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	New Hampshire Boating Law Administrator	Representative Member
Edmonston, Chris	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	BoatUS Foundation	Representative Member
Guess, Thomas	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Virginia DWR	Representative Member
Hoskins, Ralph	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Regal Boats	Representative Member
Hunter, Ty	08/30/2022	12/31/2025	State of Utah	Representative Member
Johnson, John	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	National Association of State Boating Law Administrators	Representative Member

Jones, Cody	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Boating Law Administrator - Texas	Representative Member
Keeton, Joseph	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	South Dakota Boating Law Administrator	Representative Member
Kenton Smith, Wanda	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mantel, Carolina	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Boat History Report	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marlow, David	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Brunswick Manufacturing	Representative Member
Marques, Clay	04/15/2024	12/31/2027	Major	Representative Member
Newsome, Robert	08/30/2022	12/31/2025	National Marine Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Paul, Christina	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	K&L Gates, LLP	Representative Member
Phillips, Peg	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	National Boating Safety Council	Representative Member
Pope, Robert	08/14/2021	12/04/2024	American Canoe Association	Representative Member
Sanders, Wendy	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	Jensen Hughes	Representative Member
Slikkers, David	08/14/2021	12/31/2024	S2 Yachts	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 23

Narrative Description

The Coast Guard's mission is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats, through preventive means, in order to maximize safe use and enjoyment of U.S. waterways by the public. The Committee supports the US Coast Guard's mission and the national recreational boating safety strategic plan by advising the Coast Guard on a variety of boating safety issues. Some of those issues require regulatory or legislative action and some only require administrative action by the US Coast Guard.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The Committee provides invaluable expertise to the US Coast Guard by allowing the Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety to use this resource for guidance as opposed to paying for consultants and other subject matter experts.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

13

Number of Recommendations Comments

Previously, under the Council, there were 41 recommendations. The Committee consolidated these recommendations to 13, going through each of the 41 to determine which were still relevant. The Committee brought forth no new recommendations in FY23. The committee is working on task statements from the USCG and will likely result in new recommendations starting in FY24. Starting with the 13 Recommendations FY23, we have tracked progress with a dashboard recommended by the Chairperson. We have addressed 11 of these recommendations substantially. One is now closed (2022-03-08) and three more have been addressed completely (2022-03-04, 2022-03-05, and 2022-03-10), but the Committee wants to keep them open to ensure the Coast Guard continues to consider them. Seven more have been addressed substantially through Task Statements or other outcomes (2022-03-01, 2022-03-06, 2022-03-07, 2022-03-09, 2022-03-11, 2022-03-12, and 2022-03-13). Only two are not considered addressed substantially (2022-03-02 and 2022-03-03) but are in the implementation process through task statements.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

31%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Four of 13 recommendations fully implemented. Please see comment in "Number of Recommendations Comment" box for more detail.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

69%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The following are partially implemented: 2022-03-01, 2022-03-02, 2022-03-03, 2022-03-06, 2022-03-07, 2022-03-09, 2022-03-11, 2022-03-12, and 2022-03-13. The Committee tracks progress with a dashboard.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A