# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, HIGHWAY DIVISION, LAKE PATROL SECTION AND THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS.

# STATEMENT OF POLICY ON TEACHING BOATING SAFETY COURSES.

This memorandum of understanding is between the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Division, Lake Patrol Section (hereinafter referred to as Lake Patrol) and the United States Power Squadrons (hereinafter referred to as USPS®). In furtherance of their mutual goals, the Lake Patrol and the USPS agree to work together according to the guidelines set forth below, to work in mutual cooperation in teaching boating safety courses, and to, ultimately, create a safer operating experience for Oklahoma boaters.

## I. The USPS agrees to:

- A. Schedule and administer boating safety courses in Oklahoma through the USPS administrative structure.
- B. Continue to conduct and administer boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) guidelines and course requirements.
- C. Utilize appropriate state pamphlets covering Oklahoma boating laws in the conduct of USPS NASBLA-approved courses.
- D. Provide to the Lake Patrol information on the date, time, & location of public boating safety courses, along with the name and telephone number of a contact person.
- E. Request participation of Lake Patrol officers in the conduct of classes covering state boating regulations and laws.
- F. Issue each student who successfully completes the USPS NASBLA-approved course a USPS Certificate of Completion.
- G. Document that state-specific information was taught and that the Lake Patrol-supplied exam was administered.
- H. Charge no state fee that shall be associated in any manner with fees charged for textbooks, materials and other course supplies, or with fees charged to defray any custodial or classroom usage.

I. Appoint a state liaison to be the contact person to work directly with the Lake Patrol in the execution of this program.

### II. The Lake Patrol agrees to:

- A. Recognize successful completion of the USPS NASBLA-approved courses as meeting state boating education requirements.
- B. Provide up to 10 questions on state-specific laws and regulations.
- C. Provide appropriate state pamphlets and other materials for each student attending USPS NASBLA-approved courses.
- D. Provide employees to serve as guest speakers to teach Oklahoma boating laws and regulations when available.
- E. Provide USPS instructors with periodic updates concerning changes in state boating laws and regulations.

## III. Mutual Responsibilities:

- A. Any amendments made to this understanding must be with the written consent of both parties.
- B. The effective date of this understanding is <u>MAY 24 2000</u> and may be terminated by either party upon a 30-day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memorandum and its attachments represent the complete agreement between the parties.

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

United States Power Squadrons

Chief Commander

6-7-00 Date

State of Oklahoma

Commander, Oklahoma Lake Patrol

Date