

MINUTES OF THE BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
Department of Natural Resources

July 7, 2010

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Pam Berger	Present
Paulette Welch	Excused
Steve Christensen	Excused
Lucy Minahan	Excused
Troy Mann	Absent
Guy Taylor	Present
Tim Gaylord	Excused
Hank Cobb	Present
Ray Schelbe	Present

**DIVISION OF UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION**

Dave Harris	Boating Program Manager
Chris Haller	Assistant Boating Program Manager
Ann Evans	Boating Education Program Manager
Stacy Stickler	Boating Program Executive Secretary

**GUEST**

Rebekka Stone	Utah Paddle Surfing
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ray would like to be affiliated with Rocky Mountain Anglers in the April minutes. Stacy will update the minutes to reflect his affiliation.

The Council cannot vote on the minutes since there was not a quorum.

**STAND UP PADDLE CRAFT EXEMPTIONS**

Rebekka wanted to bring to the Council about life jacket exemptions for sanctioned events. Whether they have life guards on site during the event or have a certain number of US Coast Guard Auxiliary members, taking a boating education course, etc. With events at Deer Creek and Jordanelle they are required to have at least three chase boats on the water during these events. Dave said that he will contact whomever within the Division who is over this and Deer Creek State Park on the upcoming events regarding these issues. We do already have an equipment exemption R651-219-7(4) that Dave will research on.

Rebekka would also like to see a leash option. Whether someone wears a life jacket, a life jacket on board with them or have a leash.

Dave would recommend that Utah State Parks gets a committee to look at guidelines or requirements for the stand up paddle sport equipment requirements with the Special Use Permit program so there is consistency throughout the state. Pam asked Dave if he will take care of talking to whomever in the Division about the racing vessel rule and if need be create a committee to look at this. Dave said he will take care of this.

## **65' VESSEL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

Chris would like to acknowledge the council members who sat on this committee; Pam Berger (Boating Advisory Council), Paulette Welch (Boating Advisory Council), and the remaining of the committee; Bruce Rowe (Forever Resorts) Steve Luckesen (National Parks Service) and Chris Haller (Utah State Parks).

Proposed language from the committee:

### Throwable device

*For vessels 16 feet to 40 feet, there shall also be on board, one Type IV throwable personal flotation device, which is approved for this use by the United States Coast Guard.*

*For vessels 40 feet to 65 feet, there shall be on board two Type IV throwable personal flotation devices, one shall be a minimum 18" ring buoy with minimum of 30 feet of rope attached, ~~readily accessible and~~ immediately available.*

*For vessels 65 feet or more in length, there shall be on board two Type IV throwable personal flotation devices, one shall be a minimum 18" ring buoy located at the stern, and one shall be located at the bow ~~readily accessible and~~ immediately available. At least one ring buoy shall have a minimum of 30 feet of rope attached.*

Guy suggested eliminating readily accessible since it is redundant to immediately available on the throwable device and fire extinguisher requirements. Dave said that we need to use one of the other. The law states that type IVs are to be immediately available so we need to eliminate readily accessible.

### Fire Extinguisher

*For all vessels 65 feet or more in length there shall be a fixed extinguishing system ~~located in the engine compartment~~ and three B-II fire extinguishers ~~immediately available and~~ readily accessible. One B-II fire extinguisher shall be located at the helm, one shall be located in the galley, if applicable, and one shall be located in the engine compartment.*

Pam asked about where the fixed system should be located. Dave said that the fixed system needs to be located in the engine compartment.

~~When the engine compartment is equipped with a fixed extinguishing system, one less B-II extinguisher is required.~~ Dave brought up that we cannot allow them to have one less extinguisher with a fixed system, so he said to eliminate this sentence.

Dave pointed out that fire extinguishers are required to be readily accessible so we need to eliminate immediately available.

#### Carbon Monoxide Detector

*A carbon monoxide detection system shall be installed on all vessels equipped with an internal combustion engine with permanent enclosed cabin area motorboats. This detection system shall be in good and serviceable condition and meet the requirements of ABYC-24 and be current as per manufacturer.*

Pam asked if the motorboat definition includes electric motors. Chris said yes they are considered a motorboat. Dave suggested taking the section 'motorboats with an enclosed cabin area' and replacing with 'vessels equipped with an internal combustion engine with a permanent enclosed cabin area'. The Council with great discussion decided to add 'be in good and serviceable condition'.

Since Dave will have to take this before the Director of the Department, there will be many questions about how this will affect the public financially and how big of a problem the carbon monoxide issue is.

#### Smoke Detector

*All vessels with an enclosed cabin area intended for sleeping shall be equipped with a good and serviceable single station smoke alarm UL approved for marine or recreation vehicle use and is installed and maintained according as per manufacturers instructions.*

The Council with great discussion decided to add 'good and serviceable condition'.

#### Sound producing device

*Horn or whistle for vessels 16 feet to 40 feet and for 40 feet or greater is required to have a horn or whistle and a bell.*

#### Bailing Device

*All vessels, not of self-bailing design, shall have on board an adequate bail bucket or be equipped with a mechanical means for pumping the bilge.*

For vessels 65' or more in length, there shall be a bilge pump for each below deck compartment.

### Navigation Lights

R651-216-2. Navigation Lights On Motorboats 40 Feet or more in length.

Motorboats 40 feet or more in length shall exhibit the navigation lights shown in either figure 1 or 2.

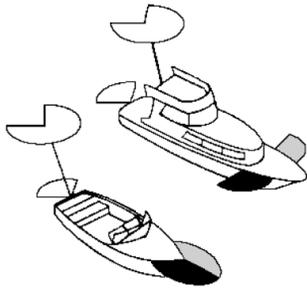


Figure 1

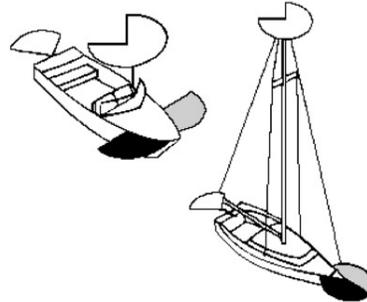


Figure 2

### **WAKEBOARD BALLAST TANKS**

The issue was DWR asked if there was a way to make some laws/rules to drain the ballast tank all the way. Pam and Dave commented to drain as much water as they can then add water softener tablets to the remaining water.

Dave has not heard anything else about this issue so it may have been resolved unless he hears anything else about it.

### **BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS**

Since we have three new members Dave wanted to go over the bylaws and to give the other members a refresher.

Stacy will update R651-202-1 description of positions since we have added two positions and renamed all of the council positions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sand Hollow Reservoir is now deemed as infested for mussels. A diver found an adult mussel under the docks. They have not found anything else in Sand Hollow. They have increased decontaminating vessels and the self decontamination program.

Pam spoke with some boaters over the weekend to see if the AIS program was mentioned when the people went through the entrance station of our State Parks. All

three people said that the entrance station staff never said anything about the AIS program. Anyone who has launched at least once in a State Park has come in contact with the clean, drain and dry campaign. There are also billboards and pamphlets that are circulating as well. Dave said that DWR has conducted a survey of boaters and it was determined that 95% to 97% of boaters are aware of the AIS program.

Hank asked about the accident at Utah Lake two weeks ago; a pontoon boat vs. a Bayliner. There is a cut that the phragmites have just taken over and become a safety hazard. Dave will talk to Utah Lake staff about the accident and ask them about wakeless buoys in that cut.

Guy and Hank asked about getting access to all the boating accidents that occur. They were told about the GRAMA request process. Dave and Stacy can give the Council stats as to what caused the accidents, age group, and just general information.

Dave commented that Chris received the Boating Professional of the Year award at the WSBA conference this year.

Next meeting will be October 6 here at the Department of Natural Resources building. Guy brought up that we should do a Council outing so the members can get to know each other better. Dave and Stacy will send out an email with ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.