



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

Docket No. USCG-2016-0074

Recreational Boating Safety -- Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program 2017-2021

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard requests public comments on its draft strategic plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program for 2017-2021. This plan is under development to coordinate efforts of stakeholders to prevent future deaths and injuries of recreational boaters.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to the online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov>, or reach the Docket Management Facility, on or before 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2016-0074 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT: For information about this document, e-mail StrategicPlan2017-2021@uscg.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related data on this notice. Please include its docket number and explain each suggestion or recommendation you make. Although we do not plan to issue a new notice responding to the comments and data we receive, we may revise the draft plan based on that input.

Please submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the address in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document for alternate instructions.

Both the draft plan and the final plan, along with any comments or data we receive from the public, will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the Federal Register (70 FR 15086).

Discussion

Chapter 131 of Title 46, U.S. Code, requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a national recreational boating safety program and the Secretary has delegated that authority to the Coast Guard.¹ Each year, approximately 650 citizens die and thousands are injured in reportable recreational boating safety accidents. To coordinate efforts to prevent future deaths and injuries of recreational boaters, the Coast Guard is working with stakeholders of the

¹ DHS Delegation No. 0170.1(II)(92.i).

recreational boating community to develop a strategic plan. This plan contains specific initiatives to increase life jacket wear rates, decrease boating under the influence, and increase boating knowledge and skills and other prevention efforts. The Coast Guard seeks public comment on this draft plan, specifically for policy actions and supporting data that may help prevent future deaths and injuries.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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