

DOI Watercraft Safety Working Group
July 27, 2004 Conference Call Minutes

In Attendance were:

Anne Sittauer, FWS
Gary Hill, USGS
Harrison Daniel, DOI
Ed Perez, NPS
Jake Schlapher, BLM Absent
Jeff Petereson, BOR Absent

Harrison said that the DOI Workgroup member list and conference call minutes will be posted next week on SafetyNet.

Ed Perez was welcomed to the group.

Ed will be attending the instructor class in Mississippi scheduled for Aug. 16 – 20. This class is sponsored by the NPS and the FWS is providing one instructor and three students.

Ed asked about advertising training class on the Safety Net. The present practice of posting watercraft training courses on SafetyNet is that Harrison posts all the courses in which the info is sent to him.

Carbon monoxide poisoning was discussed and Ed felt it should be mentioned as a topic of concern when teaching MOCC's. Info can be found at <http://safetynet.smis.doi.gov/COhouseboats.htm>

The group decided to extend the review period for the airboat manual and the non-motorized module because we have two new members who have not had a chance to review them.

Gary gave an update on his progress with the airboat module. He has taken new pictures for the student manual. He is working on the instructor manual for the airboat module and will be editing that with Wayne Norling. Gary is working on a train-the-trainer course for airboat instructors.

The next face to face meeting is planned for sometime in the first two weeks of November.

We will try to schedule a conference call every two or three months.

Anne asked if anyone has had to purchase student or instructor manuals from Chris Horsch yet. Gary said that he purchased a CD ROM and Ed said the Park Service has been using stock left over from when Bruce Hasson was the Coordinator.

There was discussion about the new manual inserts that Chris Horsch is disseminating. These insert comply with NASBLA certification.

There was a general discussion about documentation of certification and how hard it is to track when it crosses agencies.

Next conference call is scheduled for Sept. 7, 2004 1pm EDT

ACTION ITEMS:

- Anne will send Harrison conference call minutes
- Anne will contact Mary Parkinson for the Abstract of the Accident Investigation of vessels using towing equipment.
- Harrison will send out the web site for the Safety Net
- Ed Perez will develop a Safety Alert of Carbon monoxide poisoning for distribution
- Jake will email the non motorized module to Ed Perez and Jeff
- Everyone will let Anne know if they can make the Sept. 7 Conference call and if the first two weeks of Nov. will be a good time to meet for our next meeting