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NASBLA appoints new education director

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Nov. 4, 2011) – The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has appointed former Ohio Boating Law Administrator Pam Dillon as its new Education Director, effective November 1.

As NASBLA's newly appointed education director, Dillon's top three responsibilities will be to provide support to the NASBLA Education Committee, manage and maintain the National Education Standards as the primary staff for the Education Standards Panel, and oversee and develop NASBLA's education grant program. Other duties pertaining to this position include managing and overseeing the NASBLA education course approval process and representing NASBLA's education interest.

"Pam shares NASBLA's enthusiasm and commitment for keeping our members' needs first and foremost," said NASBLA CEO John Johnson. "The Association as a whole is thrilled to have her on board as a part of the NASBLA staff, and we will all undoubtedly benefit from her vast experience and love for the boating community."

Pamela Dillon is a career-long boating professional, retiring in May 2011 as chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft. Within the Division of Watercraft, she held many positions, including commissioned state watercraft officer; Special Programs, Public Information and Education Manager; and Deputy Chief. During a five-year break in service from the state of Ohio, Dillon served as executive director of the American Canoe Association (2002-07), working to develop strategic alliances with boating, outdoor recreation, and paddlesports education programs across the U.S. and Canada.

Dillon served two terms as a public member of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council to the United States Coast Guard (2005-11), participating as an objective leader for development of the Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. Additional national levels of service include Education Committee chair for NASBLA, founding member of the Board of Governors for the International Whitewater Hall of Fame, and two-term chair and 20-year board member of the National Safe Boating Council. She is also the recipient of numerous national awards, including the National Safe Boating Council's Hall of Fame, NASBLA's Lifetime Achievement Award, three U.S. Coast Guard Public Service awards, the United Safe Boating Institute's Silver Schooner Award, and the American Canoe Association's Outstanding Instructor Award.

For more information on Pam Dillon and NASBLA's Education Program, contact pam@nasbla.org or visit www.nasbla.org.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is a national nonprofit organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. NASBLA represents the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The association offers a variety of resources, including training, model acts, education standards and publications. Through a national network of thousands of professional educators, law enforcement officers and volunteers, NASBLA affects the lives of over 83 million American boaters.

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