



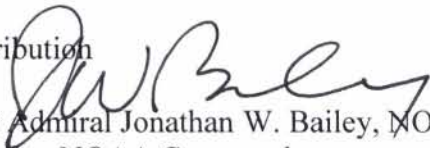
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

  
Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA  
Director, NOAA Corps and  
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

SUBJECT:

NOAA Small Boat Standards and Procedures  
Manual

As authorized in the recently updated and approved NAO 209-125, NOAA Small Boat Program, I hereby issue the NOAA Small Boat Standards and Procedures Manual (Manual). All requirements are now in effect with the exception of the following three topics which will not require compliance until April 1, 2009:

1. The new cold water requirement that certain boats shall carry immersion suits and other protection from the cold.
2. All new training requirements.
3. The new requirement for Class A-II small boats to have a Small Boat Operations Manual.

The Manual augments and supplements the policies, procedures, and guidelines in the Small Boat Program NAO. It applies to all individuals and programs involved with NOAA's small boats and has the same force, effect, and authority as the NAO itself. The manual will be maintained by the Small Boat Safety Board, which has representation from organizational components across NOAA. An electronic edition of the manual will be available at the link to the Small Boat Program found on the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) webpage at <http://www.oma.noaa.gov/>.

The Chairman of the NOAA Small Boat Safety Board is hereby directed to disseminate the manual within the NOAA small boat community.

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