



# Minutes of the NOAA Small Boat Safety Board Meeting January 21, 2009 Via Teleconference



Minutes of Small Boat Safety Board (SBSB) Meeting via Teleconference and Go-To-Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Time: 10:00 (PT)

Board members present:

- LCDR Mark Miller, Small Boat Program Manager
- Dennis Thaute, OLE
- Wayne Hoggard, NMFS
- Dennis Donahue, OAR
- Craig Gillis SECO
- LT Chad Cary, XO Small Boat Program
- CAPT Michael Gallagher, NMFS
- Dana Wilkes, NOS
- Chad Yoshinaga, NMFS (PI Region)

Board members absent:

- Jack Burkes
- CAPT John Humphrey, OMAO

Technical advisor present:

- Bill Cunningham, OMAO Safety

Contractors present:

- Rich Softye, BMT Designers and Planners, Inc.

Agenda Items discussed:

## **NOAA SBEX Course Qualifications:**

- Thoughts on LCDR Miller's proposed experience?
  - Define 5 years of professional experience (pay vs. recreational)
  - Is there a need for wood boat experience?
- Concerned with lack of industry certification when done with training with amount of money invested. Should we send inspectors through a training program that result in an industry certification?
  - NOAA sets the standard
- ASBE Course (current ABYC course) is not SBEX Course. SBEX course is advanced version
- LOSBO's should make effort to find individuals to represent their line office. Hopefully this works out geographically as well.
- Are there any interim courses for electrical or corrosion?



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- Ensure selected individuals are capable of responsibilities, prior to selection and sending them to developed SBEX Inspection Class
- Timeline - hope to have individuals selected and class put together in near future
- Vote on SBEX course requirements
  1. Minimum 5 years of professional boating experience.
  2. ABYC Certification (as the set standard) or equivalent experience or training in:
    - \* ABYC Standards or ABYC Marine Systems Certification,
    - \* Electrical,
    - \* Hull Corrosion (metal boat corrosion or fiberglass deterioration depending on subject boats),
    - \* Diesel and / or Gas engines (depending on subject boats)
  3. Acceptance by the SBSB.
  4. Complete the new NOAA SBEX Inspector course.
- Vote: Unanimous “AYE”

## **Inspection Coordinator requirements:**

- It was recommended to leave job open for no more than 10 days.
- Determine which questions will be rated or weighted.
- Comments on Position Duties for NOAA Small Boat Program Inspection Coordinator:
  - Question was asked if there is a database for historical inspections. Suggestion is to develop some sort of tracking mechanism for inspections.
  - Update on civilian hire in LCDR Miller’s position – stopped at headquarters, awaiting funding.