



Minutes of the NOAA Small Boat Safety Board Meeting March 11, 2009 Via Teleconference



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

Date: Wednesday March 11, 2009

Time: 10:00 (PT)

Board members present:

- Mark Miller, SBP Manager
- Dennis Thaute, OLE
- Dennis Donahue, OAR
- Dana Wilkes, NOS
- CAPT John Humphrey, OMAO
- Chad Yoshinaga, NMFS (PI Region)
- CAPT Michael Gallagher, NMFS Headquarters

Board members absent:

- Jack Burkes, OMAO
- Wayne Hoggard, NMFS
- Craig Gillis SECO

Technical advisor present:

- Bill Cunningham, OMAO

Agenda Items discussed:

1. Charter boat NAO:
 - a. Charter boat NAO will specifically address vessels greater than 300 GT
 - b. NAO will also point to NOAA Small Boat Standards and Procedures Manual for vessels less than 300 GT:
 - c. Manual updates in new chapter and appropriate appendices:
 - i. General comments section
 1. Risk assessment
 - ii. 65 feet to 300 Gross Tons
 1. Use variation of observer vessel list
 2. Pre-inspection checklist from Fleet Inspectors
 - iii. Vessels less than 65 feet
 1. Pre-inspection checklist and/or
 2. ASBE checklist
 3. Go-bag
2. NMFS will be requiring EBIRBs on all small boats. New technology of PLBs the size of a cell phone and cost less than \$300. Future discussion: Will this be a NOAA wide requirement in next version of the NOAA SB Manual?
3. Discussed NOAA Small Boat Requirements Study: first step establish end goal and create Statement of Work.



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4. Discuss that OMAO will create a small boat workgroup to address OMAO specific issues and the possibility of diverting from SOLAS FRB requirements when safety and reliability is diminished because of it.