



**Boating Safety Committee  
Meeting Summary  
August 28, 2013  
2:20 pm  
Centennial Campus, Raleigh**

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members**

Joe Barker, Chair  
Mark Craig  
Garry Spence

**Commissioners**

Richard Edwards  
Ray Clifton  
John Litton Clark  
Jim Cogdell

Wes Seegars  
Durwood Laughinghouse  
John Coley  
Commissioner-elect Tommy Fonville

**Staff**

Erik Christofferson  
Chris Dillon  
Janice Underwood  
Lisa Hocutt  
Chris Huebner  
Erica Garner  
Geoff Cantrell

Gordon Myers  
Mallory Martin  
Betsy Haywood  
David Cobb  
Kate Pipkin  
Isaac Harrold  
Cecilia Edgar

Chairman Joe Barker called the meeting to order at 2:20.

The Committee reviewed a summary of public comments in Exhibit H pertaining to proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0201 to provide additional exceptions pertaining to the requirement for personal flotation devices (PFDs) and to increase clarity in the rule.

The Committee voted to recommend approval of **Exhibit I** by the entire Commission. Paddleboards have been removed as an exemption because the U.S. Coast Guard considers them to be vessels when outside the surf/swim zone.

The Committee received a report from Lisa Hocutt, *Customer Services Section Manager*, about the need to require registration validation stickers on both sides of boats so that they can be more easily viewed during safety checks. The Committee discussed phasing in this requirement over three years. The Committee also discussed the requirement for documented boats to be registered effective October 1, 2013.

The Committee received a report about summer boating fatalities. There were 13 fatalities, with eight of those drownings.

There being no further business, Joe Barker adjourned the committee meeting at 2:55 pm.