

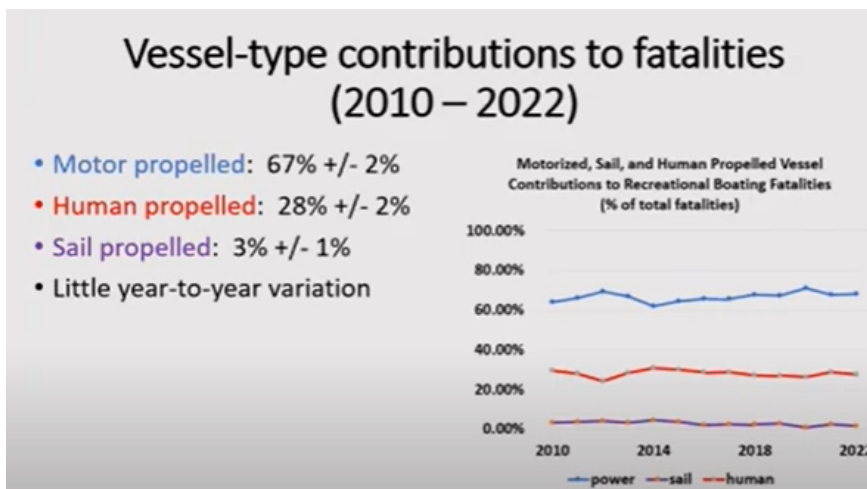
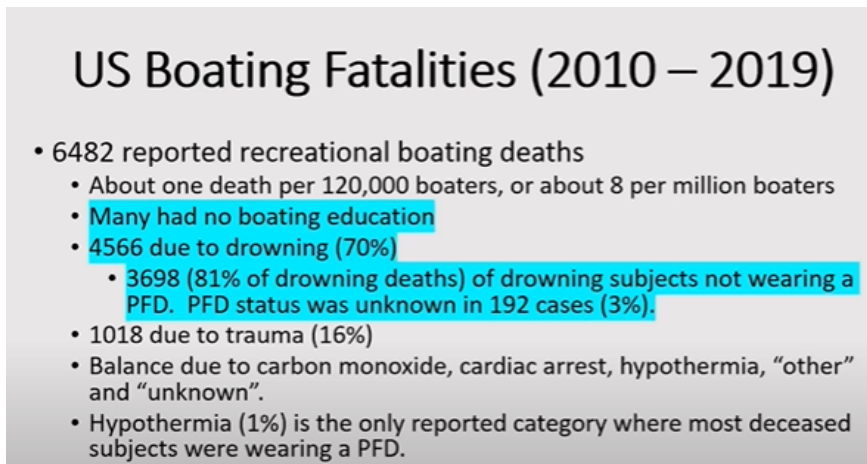
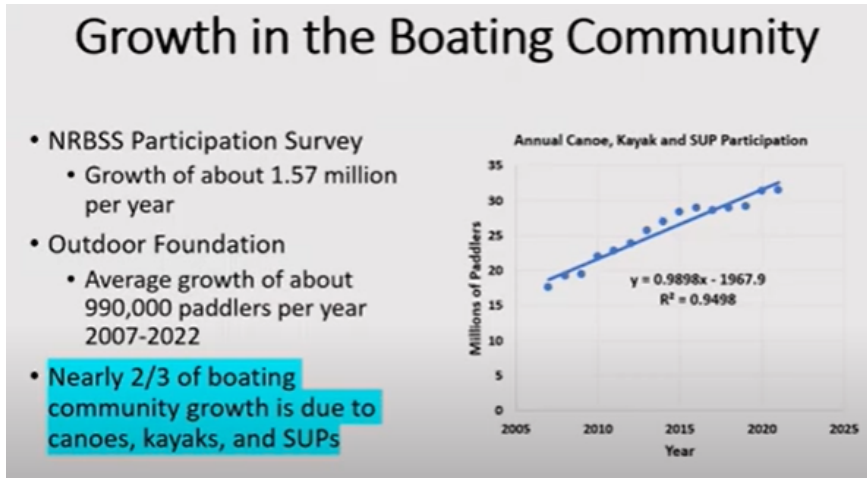
Proposed Flotilla 085-11-08 AUXPAD plan (updated 11/02/2023)

Why should we continue to support AUXPAD?

One of the primary missions for the Coast Guard Aux is to help save lives.

Most of the following data was taken from the Coast Guard Tech Talk 9/26 – Trends in Recreational Boating Fatalities by Robin Pope. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f20PD8XCSiY>

The fastest growing segment in the boating community is Paddle Craft.



Below is a link to the *Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program*

<https://uscgboating.org/library/strategic-plan/Strategic-Plan-of-the-National-Recreational-Boating-Safety-Program-2022-thru-2026.pdf>

Here is a **very** brief summary of that Coast Guard plan:

The mission of the National RBS Program is to ensure the public has a safe, secure, and enjoyable recreational boating experience by implementing programs designed to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage while cooperating with environmental and national security efforts.

Awareness, education, and interventions are priorities for this Strategic Plan.

- Initiative 1: Positively Influence Recreational Boater Behavior

- o CoA 1.1 Increase the number of boaters that meet national best practices for knowledge and skills standards.
- o CoA 1.2 Encourage Wear of Life Jackets
- o CoA 1.4 Increase operator compliance with NAVRULES
- o CoA 1.7 Employ strategies to address new boaters, including paddlers.

Base on the above information.

One of the primary ways we can save lives is through education.

But in order to provide education to general public we need qualified active experts who can demonstrate and communicate good practices. We should explore where and how can we best connect with and provide education to paddlers, especially the recreational kayakers/SUPs who tend to be less educated and skilled.

We need active members to support the AUXPAD Afloat and AUXPAD Ashore programs. Activities such as AUXPAD patrols, targeted Program Visits, Program Educator, Public Events, Public Venues, are all candidates to help support AUXPAD educations.

In order to do this we need more trained and active AUXPAD operators.

We also need more facilitized kayaks.

Currently there is a gap in the upper-Midwest for AUXPAD Qualifiers of who can certify new AUXPAD operators.

It would be beneficial in the Twin Cities and surrounding areas if we had a couple of so that we can get more AUXPAD members certified. It would also be a bonus if we could get to one or two members to be tbd (train the trainers certified) so that we can be the leaders in this program in this Division or District.

I would like to see our Flotilla / Division to be recognized as one of the top organization in AUXPAD participation and development. And ultimately save more lives, primarily thru a variety of educational opportunities.

3+ Year Plan (tbd how much should be at Flotilla vs Division level?)

1. Current Status (2023)

- 1.1. Members qualified as AUXPAD operators: 5 (1 active)
- 1.2. AUXPAD patrols logged: 1
- 1.3. Facilitized Kayaks: 2
- 1.4. AUXPAD specific educational events: 1 (Flotzilla, IA)
- 1.5. AUXPAD Qualifiers: 0
- 1.6. Other TBD?

2. 2024 Plan

- 2.1. Members qualified as AUXPAD operators: 6+
- 2.2. AUXPAD patrols logged: 5+
- 2.3. Facilitized Kayaks: 4+
- 2.4. AUXPAD specific educational events: 2+
- 2.5. AUXPAD Qualifiers: 2+
- 2.6. Start building relationships with American Canoe Association, Division/District, Local Marinas, State Park, Local Parks, National Park Service, Army Core Engineers, Scouts, others?

3. 2025 Plan

- 3.1. Members qualified as AUXPAD operators: 8+
- 3.2. AUXPAD patrols logged: 12+
- 3.3. Facilitized Kayaks: 6+
- 3.4. AUXPAD specific educational events: 3+
- 3.5. AUXPAD Qualifiers: 2+
- 3.6. ACA Paddle sports Safety Facilitator: ?
- 3.7. Explore locations, facilities, and logistics for AUXPAD events and training
- 3.8. Continue to improve educational practices and materials
- 3.9. Expand Relationships with related organizations and vendors
- 3.10. Refresher training as applicable

4. 4-5 year plan

- 4.1. Increase events, AUXPAD patrols, facilitized kayaks, etc.
- 4.2. Continue to Build Relationships with related organizations and vendors
- 4.3. Instructor Trainer: 1+

TBD Annual Budget?

Notes from Julie's email (Oct 1):

To be able to "train the trainer," a member has to become an "Instructor Trainer." An L1 Instructor Trainer can create L1 Instructors. An L2 Instructor Trainer can create L2 Instructors. This is the qualification I'm trying to get. A prerequisite for being an Instructor Trainer (or in parlance we use to be qualified to "train the trainer") is that you have:

- been instructor for two years,
- conducted a minimum of two classes,
- co-teach an instructor class with a currently qualified instructor trainer,
- Lead teach an instructor class under the supervision of an Instructor Trainer Educator (ITE). So, the absolute earliest that you can have someone qualified as an Instructor Trainer is 2026, but 2027 is more realistic, especially with your shortened season.

What we've talked about in 8WR is creating a process that mirrors the PWO qualification process. That is a member can get trained in all the policy and basic skills by a qualified Operator, and the an "AQ session" (the paddlecraft equivalent of a QE session) would be scheduled for the actual sign-offs. However, from an assignment to duty perspective, I think the only way of making this happen would be for there to be an actual PADLO-In Training designation, paralleling the PWO-IT designation. National has discussed this, but Todd will have to be the one to speak more on that progress. The work around would be for non-qualified members to go out with qualified members and receive training in a non-official capacity.

You might want to also discuss Paddlesports Safety Facilitator certification with your members.

FYI: MC Notes: ACA instructors list web link:

<https://cms.americancanoe.org/Instructor-Statistics/Listing>

Paddlesports Safety Facilitator (PSF) Program

The PSF certification program can be delivered by any ACA Level 3 Instructor (or higher), any ACA Level 1 or 2 Instructor with the PSF Endorsement, or any Instructor Trainer (IT) or Educator (ITE), within their discipline(s) of certification. In order to deliver each of the specific craft modules (canoe, kayak, or SUP), the Instructor, IT, or ITE must be certified or formally assessed within each specific discipline. For example: A currently certified canoeing Instructor Trainer must also hold instructor certification or documented skills assessments in kayaking and SUP in order to deliver all three craft specific modules.

Complete the 1-day course (approximately 4 hours for the base module and 1 hour for each of the craft specific modules). You will also be required to complete a written exam in order to pass the course. In order to receive official credentialing documentation of this certification, you must be an ACA member.