



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

## Safety Recommendation

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**In reply refer to:** M-14-11 and M-14-12

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On June 18, 2014, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted our special investigation report on parasailing safety.<sup>1</sup> Additional information about the investigation and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number NTSB/SIR-14/02.

As a result of this investigation, we issued six new recommendations, including three to the Federal Aviation Administration, one to the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and the following two recommendations to the U.S. Coast Guard:

### M-14-11

Implement a specialized license endorsement that all holders of a valid Coast Guard merchant mariner credential would be required to obtain before conducting parasailing operations.

### M-14-12

Incorporate by reference ASTM International's parasailing standards to govern all parasailing operations.

These safety recommendations are derived from our investigation and are consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Acting Chairman HART and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in these recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> *Parasailing Safety*, NTSB/SIR-14/02 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2014).

The NTSB is vitally interested in these recommendations because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement them. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendations by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to [correspondence@ntsb.gov](mailto:correspondence@ntsb.gov).

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