



National Transportation Safety Board

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Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: M-14-13

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The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant accidents in other modes of transportation—railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline. We determine the probable cause of the accidents and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents. In addition, we carry out special studies concerning transportation safety and coordinate the resources of the federal government and other organizations to provide assistance to victims and their family members affected by major transportation disasters. We are providing the following information to urge the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) to take action on the safety recommendation being issued in this letter.

On June 18, 2014, we adopted our special investigation report on parasailing safety.¹ 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 two to the United States Coast Guard, three to the Federal Aviation Administration, and the following recommendation to NASBLA:

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Draft a model act that may be used by your membership as a framework for state legislation to reduce the risk associated with parasailing.

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

This safety recommendation is derived from our investigation and is consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Acting Chairman HART and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is 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 it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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