



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

## Safety Recommendation

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**In reply refer to:** A-14-64 through -66

The Honorable Michael P. Huerta  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Washington, DC 20591

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On June 18, 2014, the National Transportation Safety Board 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 two to the United States Coast Guard, one to the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and the following three recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration:

### A-14-64

In accordance with 14 *United States Code* 141 and 49 *United States Code* 106(m), request assistance from the Coast Guard to enforce existing Federal Aviation Administration regulations applicable to parasailing operations.

### A-14-65

Review all existing regulations and special provisions that are intended to separate parasailing and aircraft operations, and take appropriate action to ensure that these directives are in harmony and consistently applied nationwide to reduce the risk of midair collisions.

### A-14-66

Work with the Coast Guard to resolve conflicts between (a) the existing Federal Aviation Administration special provision that gives aircraft right-of-way over

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

parasailing vessels, and (b) the existing international and inland navigation rules that imply that parasailing vessels are restricted in their ability to maneuver and, therefore, should have the right-of-way.

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.

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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