

## **Nonprofit Organization Grants:**

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety  
Recreational Boating Safety

Federal Grant Title:	National Non-Profit Organization Grant Program
Federal Agency:	United States Coast Guard
Funding Opportunity Number:	DHS-USCG-2022-001
Type of Funding:	Cooperative Agreement
CFDA Numbers:	97.012
CFDA Descriptions:	Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC)  
Grant Number: 70Z02322MO0005068  
Grant Title: FY 2022 Voluntary Standards Development  
Period of Performance: 3 year grant

Award Amount: \$375,000.00

### **Summary:**

The American Boat & Yacht Council, Inc (ABYC) seeks to fulfill the tasks set out in the US Coast Guard's (USCG) FY22 Nonprofit Grant Proposal Notice of Funds Availability Areas of Interest.

1. Standards Development. Under this three-year proposal, 66 Standards and technical reports will be in the review process.

DEVELOP AND CARRY OUT – ABYC will utilize all of its resources to foster a dynamic and effective standards writing and review process. The process will be populated by those individuals that are both materially interested and possess the knowledge and desire to actively participate in safety oriented, technically sound voluntary safety standards. Resources provided by this grant guarantee that individuals wishing to participate in this process will not be prevented from participating due to financial barriers. This process is open to all individuals, both US based and international. Accredited by the internationally recognized American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the ABYC standards development and review process is open, transparent, and designed to respond to changing technologies and accident metrics in a timely and accurate manner.

PROJECT VALIDATION – ABYC's Project Technical Committees have a long history of validating proposed additions to the standards. This process ensures that additions and changes will be technically sound and have the desired effect of improving safety and saving lives with

an achievable implementation as well as addressing accidents or potential accidents where boats and associated equipment could be a contributing factor. Various experts and lab time is expected to be utilized during these projects. The work completed lives on in the ABYC archives as justification for the standards and for background as future authors look to the work of the past and the reason behind it.

**ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY** – All aspects of consumer products are changing. Advances in energy storage, higher efficiency appliances, and the desire for household-type conveniences on-board are resulting in innovations that often live outside the standards. ABYC can quickly address and include these innovations, as practical, within the framework of our standards process. ABYC continually seeks out participants that are involved with innovative companies that are at the forefront of emerging technologies. ABYC has positioned itself as the organization that can address innovation while keeping safety top of mind.

**LABELS** – Consolidation of the marine industry and the ease in which products can cross borders has resulted in the need for companies to identify product for several markets while limiting the differences based on destination. Companies are consolidating compliance information into one location and in many cases on a single label. While not specifically prohibited from the regulations, the addition of globally necessary information to a capacity label can and is causing confusion among regulators and the boating public.

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