

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-2023-001
Type of Funding:	Cooperative Agreement
CFDA Numbers:	97.012
CFDA Descriptions:	Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC)
Grant Number: 70Z02323MO0001516
Grant Title: FY 2023 Compliance Training Program
Period of Performance: 1 year grant

Award Amount: \$95,282.00

Summary:

Through this nonprofit grant project, ABYC seeks to positively influence recreational boat and accessory manufacturers by developing consistent, current and accurate training for Coast Guard-contracted factory visit inspectors and compliance staff for recreational boat manufacturers. The USCG Factory Visit program has a history of educating manufacturers on proper compliance with the federal regulations as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). With a groundswell of regulatory changes on the horizon; the graying of inspection and manufacturing staff; and the need for an efficient, accessible, and readily updateable training paradigm, the ABYC proposes a formal, third-party designed factory visit and manufacturing education program.

Factory visits are critical in determining a manufacturer's level of compliance with the federal regulations. USCG Compliance Inspectors must offer consistent and correct assessments of product compliance while manufacturer compliance specialists are a company's first line of defense when it comes to providing safe products to the market and to the public. Educating both sectors to the same curriculum will help ensure compliance with the safety standards found in 33 CFR Subchapter S.

A program that provides a validated curriculum and includes remote learning, responds to changes in regulations, and updates stakeholders quickly and reliably is essential for today's training methods. ABYC proposes an educational program that uses industry experts and third-party psychometric analysis to create an understandable, sustainable product that will train individuals to assess and build recreational boats that comply with applicable safety regulations no matter how the Coast Guard's safety regulations may evolve.

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