

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
AND  
NORTH AMERICAN MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION  
  
PROMOTION OF THE SAVE OUR SEAS CAMPAIGN**

**1. PARTIES.** The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA).

**2. AUTHORITY.**

a. 33 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2)(B).

**3. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this MOU is to outline actions USCG and NAMEPA may jointly take to educate the public, particularly those who access the marine environment, regarding the harmful effects of plastic pollution. This collaborative effort will enable USCG and NAMEPA to co-develop and implement an outreach and training program related to the need to reduce maritime pollution.

**4. BACKGROUND.**

a. USCG through its Sea Partners Campaign provides environmental education and outreach focused on communities at large to increase awareness of maritime pollution issues and to improve compliance with marine environmental protection laws and regulations. The Sea Partners Campaign is managed through the Domestic Ports Division of the Office of Port & Facility Activities (Commandant CG-544) at Coast Guard Headquarters.

b. NAMEPA operates as an industry led voluntary, non-profit and non-governmental organization that proactively demonstrates its commitment to preserving our seas for the world to enjoy by protecting the marine environment through educating seafarers, port communities and children about the need and strategies to preserve Earth's most important global resource.

**5. RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. USCG

- (1) Contribute and assist in development of NAMEPA classroom curriculum;
- (2) Coordinate with other organizations to further the goal of reducing marine pollution;
- (3) Maintain a link to NAMEPA's website on the Sea Partner's website;
- (4) Maintain a link to NAMEPA's website on the Coast Guard Auxiliary website;
- (5) Distribute NAMEPA materials on prevention of marine pollution; and
- (6) Participate in national and local outreach events.

b. NAMEPA

- (1) Provide materials on the prevention of marine pollution to be stored at the USCG Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC);
- (2) Maintain a link to Coast Guard's Sea Partners Campaign and Coast Guard Auxiliary websites on the NAMEPA website;
- (3) Network with other organizations to promote the prevention of marine pollution; and
- (4) Highlight the maritime industry's efforts to engage in environmentally sound practices.

c. USCG and NAMEPA

- (1) USCG and NAMEPA may share information regarding their engagement with other organizations such as after action reports, assessment reports, etc.;
- (2) USCG and NAMEPA may periodically meet to determine appropriate improvements to their efforts related to the need to reduce maritime pollution and promote the continued success of those efforts; and
- (3) USCG and NAMEPA may promulgate separate guidance to their field units addressing coordination/collaboration, sharing of information, contact information, process and procedures, planning workshops, after action/best practices reporting, etc.

**6. POINTS OF CONTACT.**

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**7. OTHER PROVISIONS.**

a. Nothing in this MOU is intended to conflict with current law, regulation or the directives of USCG and the Department of Homeland Security. If a term of this MOU is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this understanding shall remain in full force and effect.

b. This MOU does not, and should not, be construed as a commitment, obligation or transfer of funds of the United States.

**8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** The parties to this MOU agree that it will take effect on the date of the last signatory to the MOU.

**9. MODIFICATION.** This MOU may be modified or amended only upon the mutual written consent of the parties. Modifications or amendments must be in writing and published as addendums to this MOU.

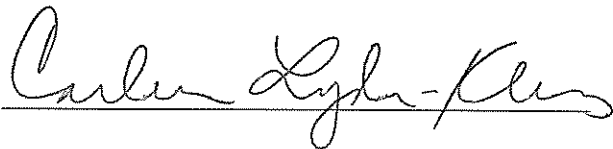
**10. TERMINATION.** The terms of this MOU, as modified with the consent of both parties, will remain in effect until it is terminated by written agreement of the parties. The MOU may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate this MOU upon 30 days written notice to the other party.

APPROVED BY:



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