



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** Water Safety USA (WSUSA) Meeting  
**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Not in the FY 24 Op Plan  
**DATE OF MEETING:** 2/20/2024  
**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual Zoom Meeting  
**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** March 21, 2024  
**FILING DATE:** 3/21/2024  
**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Susan Bathalon, EXHR  
**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Lisa Zarda US Swim Schools  
Tom Dardis, US Coast Guard  
Lindsey Mondick, YMCA David Bell, Chairman, BSA  
Contact WSUSA for the full list of participants.

### Meeting Summary

The US National Water Safety Action Plan (USNWSAP) updates included the NDPA sponsored council meetings. These councils are meeting quarterly in CY2024.

The CDC website has been updated to include the USNWSAP. The USNWSAP seeks collaboration in supporting the plan's milestones for national implications in water safety and drowning prevention. A congressional aide requested additional detail on the water safety resolution, which was prepared and supported by several WSUSA members. That was provided by the USNWSAP steering committee.

A life jacket usage question was posed on whether there should be some recommendations for swimming time. Some beach areas have banned Coast Guard approved life jackets with the rationale that Coast Guard approved PFD is not optimized for stroke use; swimming buoyancy and restricts arm motion. An article was distributed to the participants for review, which was "Can You Float? Part 2 - Perceptions and Practice of Lifejacket Use Among Young Adults," by Moran, Kevin Ph.D. (2019)

The aquatics director for a US Army base in Hawaii provided handouts for their annual aquatic safety day, particularly about lifejackets, SUPs, and kayaks.

Some noteworthy upcoming water safety events include the following:

- The American Red Cross 2024 Lifeguarding Program update was released in early February.
- The Mid-February 2024 water safety conference sponsored by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) and the Association of Aquatic Professionals (AOAP) National Water Safety Conference is being hosted February 12-15, 2024 in Reno Nevada Attendance options are in-person and remote classroom attendance. CPSC staff attendance will likely include the Pool Safety Outreach team and Commissioner Boyle. There is a session on the Council for Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC). Aquatics model code questions were posed for water clarity and newer venues with night swimming visibility concerns for large pools and minimum lighting requirements.
- International Boating and Water Safety Summit, hosted by the National Safe Boating Council and



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US Coast Guard, is April 8-11, 2024 in Albuquerque NM.

**Next Steps:**

Water Safety USA will meet on April 23, 2024.