

MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: Water Safety USA Meeting

LOCATION: Teleconference call

DATE: April 23, 2024

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LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Susan Bathalon

OMMISSION ATTENDEES: Susan Bathalon, EXHR,
Nikki Fleming, OCM

Other ATTENDEES:

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:

Individual members of WSUSA are encouraged to lead action on those that align with their mandates in partnership with other national organizations. At the last meeting, the CDC expressed interest in data surveillance implications and will consider potential ways other WSUSA members may assist. There were 40 National Implications identified by the USNWSAP.

The implications address life jacket use for swimming activities as well as boating were discussed. WSUSA created a working group to clarify messaging on the use of life jackets and other flotation devices as a layer of protection for swimming activities. One focus is guidance use as learn-to-swim aids.

April and May have many upcoming events in water safety. The planned events include:

- NDPA webinar on 2024 Water Safety Season Toolkit and First Sport Campaign, April 24th.
- May is National Water Safety Month
- Red cross released whale tales, with resources for grades K-5 in water safety information. Those resources are free to interested organizations. A bullet by the Red Cross will be provided to WSUSA meeting notes.
- Model Aquatic Health Code annual meeting, May 9, 12pm ET. There will be a review of 2024 Model Code activities.
- May 18-24 is National Safe Boating Week
- June 20 is the World's Largest Swimming Lesson
- CPSC Pool Safety Campaign activities include releasing annual Drowning and submersion report expected early summer. Pool Safety exhibits and outreach include events with Association of Children's Museums and Port Discovery Children's Museum in May-June.

NEXT STEPS:

The working group for swimming and water aid guidance will schedule their first meeting. Water Safety USA will meet on June 18, 2024.