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BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE

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Operation Dry Water 2015 Results **Law enforcement in all states & territories** **conduct heightened boating under the influence enforcement**

In an effort to increase public awareness about boating under the influence and remove impaired operators from our nation's waterways, the [National Association of State Boating Law Administrators](#), in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and hundreds of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, conducted the seventh annual [Operation Dry Water](#) campaign June 26-28, 2015.

The Operation Dry Water campaign coordinates on a national level the saturation of thousands of law enforcement officers on the water before the Fourth of July Weekend with the mission of spreading awareness about the dangers of boating under the influence and to facilitate heightened BUI enforcement just before a holiday known for drinking, boating, and fatal accidents.

Through the work of the Operation Dry Water campaign and the year-round efforts of participating agencies, thousands of recreational boaters are being contacted and educated at the local level. In addition, hundreds of impaired operators are removed from the waterways during Operation Dry Water heightened enforcement weekend each year.

2015	
Reporting	Final
Agencies/Units/Stations	582
Officers	6,605
Vessel Contacts	57,402
Boater Contacts	125,087
Citations	4,855
BUI	278
Safety Warnings	13,087
Highest BAC	.285 (WI)

In 2015, 582 local, state and federal agencies joined forces in every U.S. state and territory for the Operation Dry Water campaign. Law enforcement was out in force across the country keeping the waters safe by simultaneously identifying and removing hundreds of impaired boaters from the waterways and educating recreational boaters one on one.

Over the course of the Operation Dry Water weekend 6,605 officers:

- Made 278 BUI arrests for both drugs and alcohol
- Issued 17,942 citations and safety warnings
- Made 57,402 vessel contacts
- Contacted 125,087 boaters

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About Operation Dry Water

[Operation Dry Water](#) is a year-round boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign with the mission of reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water. Operation Dry Water was launched in 2009 by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard. www.operationdrywater.org

About NASBLA

The [National Association of State Boating Law Administrators](#) is a national nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. NASBLA represents the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories. NASBLA's mission is to strengthen the ability of the state and territorial boating authorities to reduce death, injury and property damage associated with recreational boating and ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable boating environment. www.nasbla.org