

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB®

Minnetonka Squadron  

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Senate Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee
Hon. Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen, Chair
1150 MN Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Minnetonka Squadron of America's Boating Club (formerly US Power Squadron) wishes to join the Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates, Marine Retailers Association of Americas, National Marine Manufacture's Association, and Tonka Bay Marina in the effort to create a mandatory Recreational Boating Safety Education Program for Minnesota. We respectfully ask the committee to pass SF3392.

For 107 years, The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) DBA America's Boating Club® has helped make boating better through boating education and safety programs. An educated boater is a better boater! America's Boating Club has over 20,000 members organized into more than 300 squadrons across the country, including 4 Squadrons throughout Minnesota. We welcome power boaters, sailors, paddlers, lake users and members from all walks of life.

Our Squadron received its charter from United States Power Squadrons (USPS) on January 14, 1961. We are a 501C educational non-profit, and since our founding, have had a core mission of teaching and promoting water and watercraft safety in conjunction with the USCG Auxiliary.

Each year our 300+ members and their families collectively donate thousands of hours volunteering in numerous educational and civic service events in the communities throughout the metro area. Simply stated, we would be pleased to be one of the organizations who would be able to assist in all phases of the safe boating training and education process.



Sincerely,
Daniel J. Saniti
Commander, Minnetonka Squadron