

H-2B petitions to reach the cap of 66,000 for FY 2004. As of March 10, 2004, the CIS will not accept for adjudication any H-2B petition containing a request for a work start date prior to October 1, 2004. CIS will return any petitions requesting an employment start date prior to October 1, 2004 (along with the filing fee and, if applicable, the premium processing fee) to the petitioner according to 8 CFR 214.2(h)(8)(ii)(E). In accordance with existing regulations, such petitioners may refile those petitions with a new starting date of October 1, 2004, or later.

CIS will adjudicate all H-2B petitions received on or before March 9, 2004. CIS will adjudicate these cases in the order in which they are received. CIS is not suspending premium processing and normal rules applicable to cases subject to premium processing will still apply.

Does This Process Apply to H-2B Petitions Filed for Employment To Commence on or After October 1, 2004?

No. Those petitions are not affected by the procedures described in this notice and will be adjudicated in the normal fashion. Petitioners are reminded that petitions for H-2B classification may not be filed without an approved temporary labor certification issued by the Department of Labor. H-2B petitions filed for employment to commence on or after October 1, 2004, will be counted, if otherwise chargeable against the annual H-2B cap, against the FY 2005 numerical cap.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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National Boating Safety Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) and its subcommittees on boats and associated equipment, aftermarket marine equipment, and prevention through people will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: NBSAC will meet on Saturday, April 24, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Prevention Through People Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, April 25, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Aftermarket Marine Equipment Subcommittee will meet on Monday, April 26, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. On Sunday, April 25, a Subcommittee meeting may start earlier if the preceding Subcommittee meeting has closed early. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before Friday, April 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: NBSAC will meet at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Jeff Hoedt, Executive Director of NBSAC, Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address www.uscgboating.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Hoedt, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Tentative Agendas of Meetings

National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). The agenda includes the following:

(1) Remarks—Rear Admiral Jeffrey J. Hathaway, Director of Operations Policy and Council Sponsor.

(2) Chief, Office of Boating Safety Update on NBSAC Resolutions and Recreational Boating Safety Program report.

(3) Executive Director's report.

(4) Regulatory Process description and Regulatory Project Status update.

(5) Chairman's session.

(6) Report on Joint TSAC/NBSAC Workgroup and TSAC Liaison.

(7) Report from NAVSAC Liaison.

(8) Coast Guard Auxiliary report.

(9) National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Report.

(10) Wallop Breaux reauthorization update.

(11) National Boating Survey report.

(12) Prevention Through People Subcommittee report.

(13) Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee report.

(14) Aftermarket Marine Equipment Subcommittee report.

Boats and Associated Equipment Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts and new issues impacting boats and associated equipment.

Aftermarket Marine Equipment Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts and new issues impacting aftermarket marine equipment.

Prevention Through People Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following: Discuss current regulatory projects, grants, contracts and new issues impacting prevention through people.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director of your request no later than Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than Tuesday, April 6, 2004. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than Friday, April 2, 2004.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 10, 2004.

Jeffrey J. Hathaway,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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