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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit my comments on the United States Coast Guard (USCG) National Recreational Boating Survey (OMB Control Number 1625-0089). In an effort to ensure the data being collected would be *relevant* and *actionable* to the USCG and its stakeholders, a Collaboratory of Partners (COP) was established. I served as a representative of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) on the COP, which was one of two groups that helped design the survey, and contributed feedback on the relevance, benefits and actionable nature of various data being collected through the survey. In addition, I provided feedback on how other stakeholders of the USCG could be made aware of the survey so that they too could take advantage of the data being collected.

The COP met several times and each member contributed greatly to a dialogue that helped in prioritizing the data to be collected. I was impressed by the members of the COP as they took their responsibilities seriously and acted in the best interest of the COP. I was also impressed by the process as it was well managed.

The USCG National Recreational Boating Survey will cover a variety of topics that will be useful in its strategic planning process and to its stakeholders. I fully support the USCG National Recreational Boating Survey and look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

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