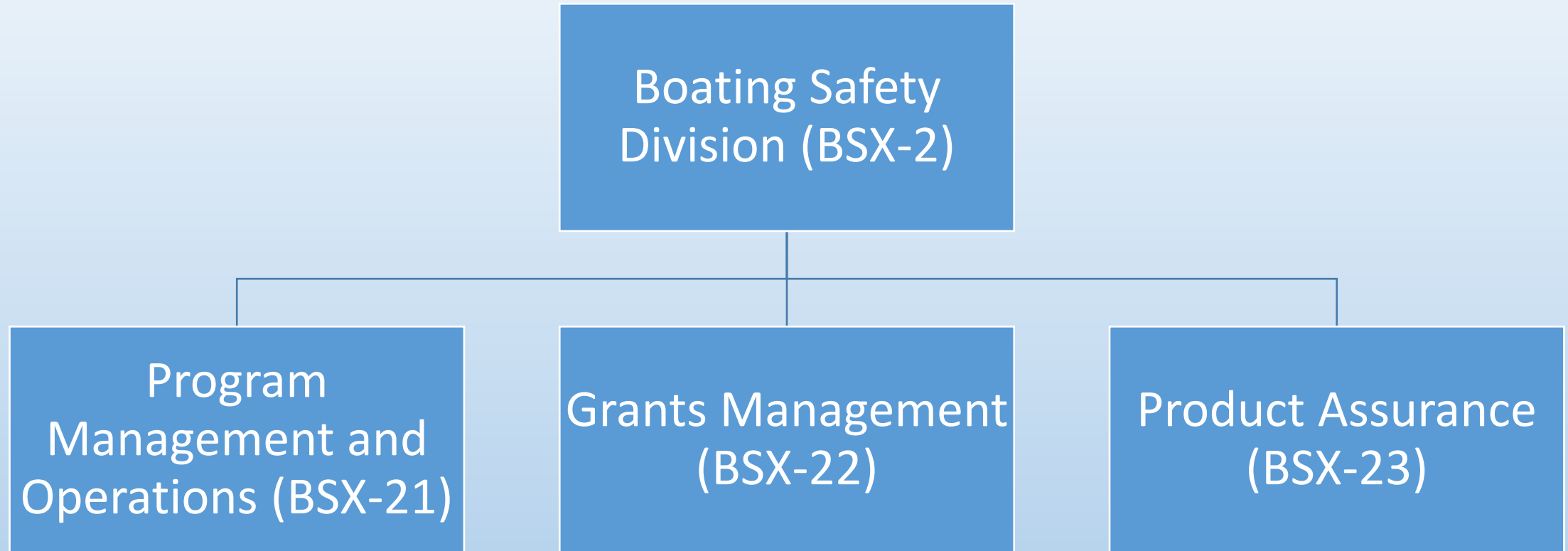


Overview of the Boating Safety Division

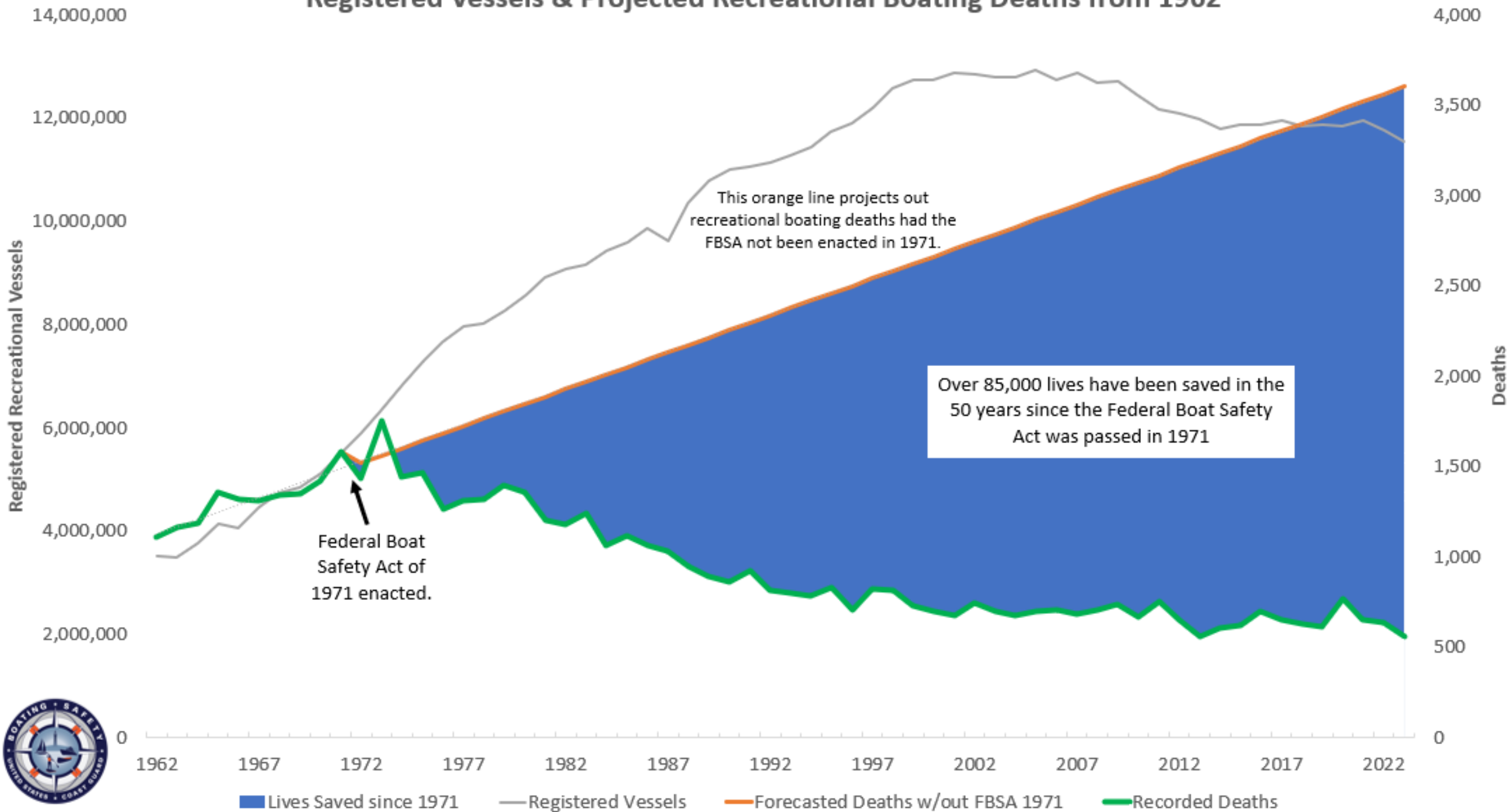
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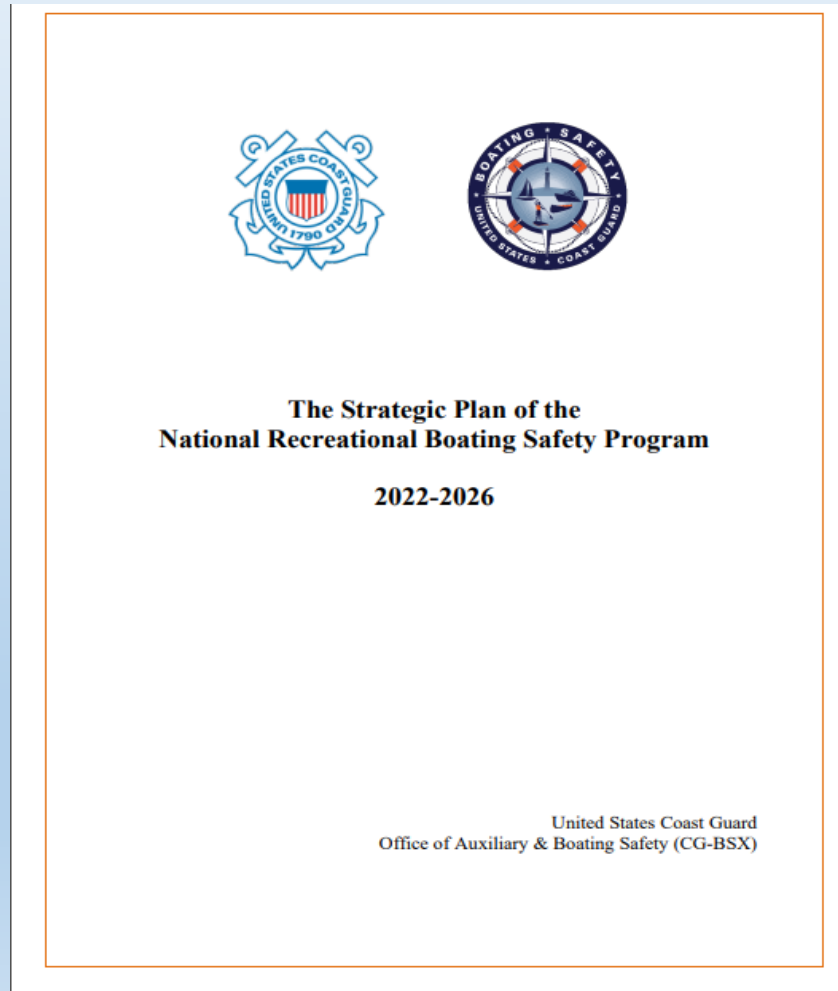
Boating Safety Division (BSX-2)



Registered Vessels & Projected Recreational Boating Deaths from 1962

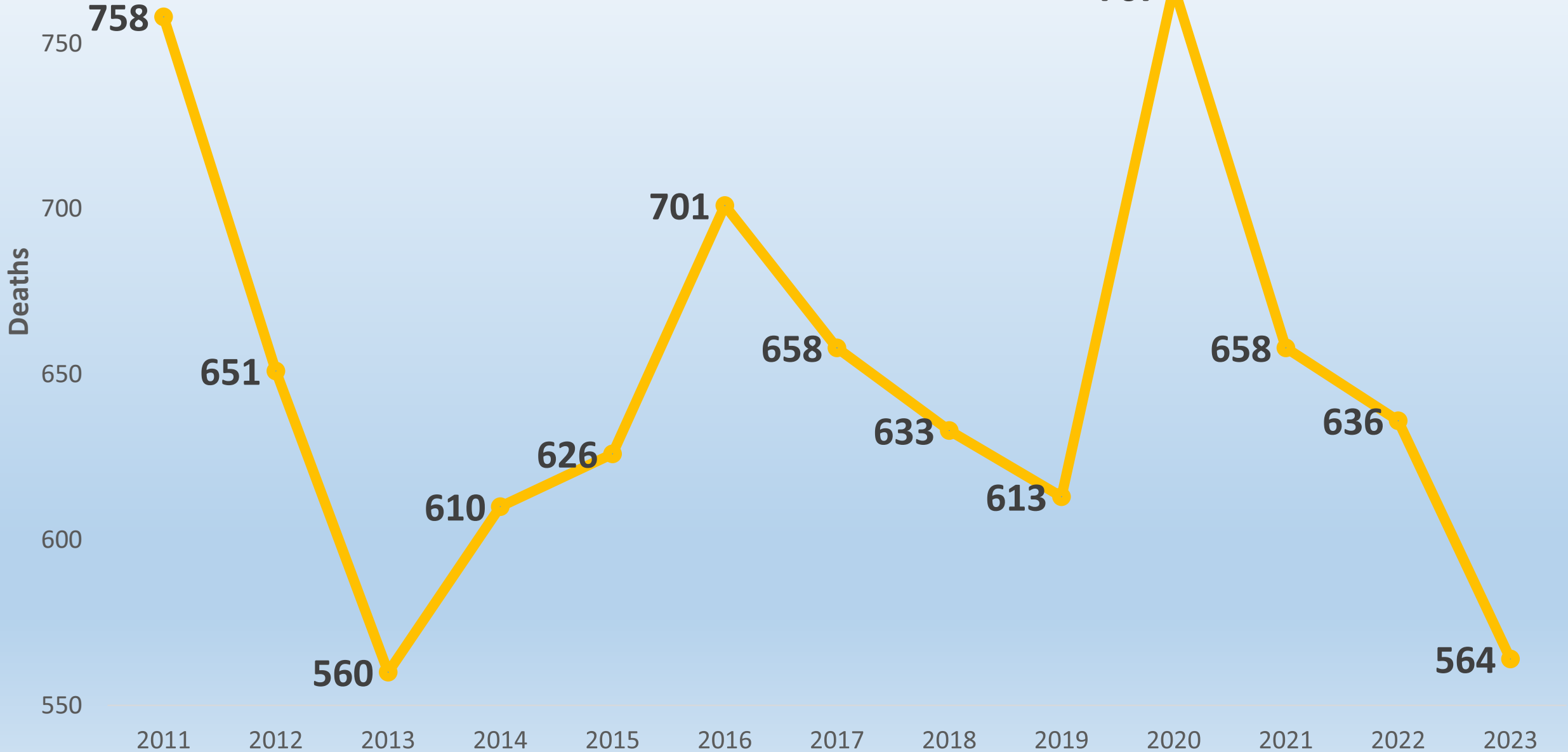


Initiatives of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program (2022 – 2026)



- Initiative 1: Positively Influence Recreational Boater Behavior
- Initiative 2: Positively Influence Recreational Boat and Accessory Manufacturers
- Initiative 3: Leverage Recreational Boating Data

Recreational Boating Fatalities by Calendar Year



2024 BOATING SAFETY CALENDAR



<p>JAN</p> <p>COLD WATER BOATING</p>	<p>FEB</p> <p>COMMUNICATION DEVICES</p>	<p>MAR</p> <p>TAKE A SAFE BOATING COURSE</p>	<p>APR</p> <p>BOATING PREPAREDNESS</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>LIFE JACKETS ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCHES</p>	<p>JUN</p> <p>WATER SPORTS RENTAL BOAT SAFETY</p>
<p>JUL</p> <p>BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE</p>	<p>AUG</p> <p>SEARCH AND RESCUE</p>	<p>SEP</p> <p>FALL CLEANUP STORING BOAT AND EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>OCT</p> <p>HUNTING AND FISHING</p>	<p>NOV</p> <p>REGISTRATION RENEWALS</p>	<p>DEC</p> <p>HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDES</p>

2024 Boating Safety Calendar

- Jan Various Boat Shows
 - Feb Various Boat Shows
 - Apr 6 #406Day
 - Apr 8-11 International Boating & Water Safety Summit
 - May National Water Safety Month
 - May 17 Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day
 - May 18-24 National Safe Boating Week
 - May 19 Kids to Parks Day
 - May 22 National Maritime Day
 - May 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend
 - Jun National Safety Month
 - Jun 1-9 National Fishing and Boating Week
 - June 15 National Marina Day
 - Jun 18 National Go Fishing Day
 - June 21 Summer Solstice
 - Jul Sun Safe Boating Month
 - Jul 4 Independence Day
 - Jul 2-4 Operation Dry Water
 - Sep 2 Labor Day
 - Sep 26 World Maritime Day
 - Sep 28 National Hunting and Fishing Day
 - Oct National Hunting and Fishing Month
 - Nov Child Safety Protection Month
 - Dec Holiday Parade of Boats
- (check local community calendars)



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USCG Grant Programs

- State RBS Grant Program (FY 2024 funding \$118,104,023)
 - Formula Grant
 - Eligibility Criteria
 - Annually Approved and Awarded
- National Nonprofit Organization Grant Program
 - Eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
 - Must be national-in-scope
 - Up to 5% of funding available, usually about \$6,000,000
- National Recreational Boating Safety Survey Grant Program
 - \$1.5 million available each year
 - May be a grant or a contract
 - NOFO posted in Grants.gov for 2 eligible agencies



State Grant Programs

5 Elements of State Program Compliance

1. A vessel numbering system
2. A cooperative boating safety assistance program with the Coast Guard in that State
3. Sufficient patrol and other activity to ensure adequate enforcement of applicable State boating safety laws and regulations
4. An adequate State boating safety education program, that includes the dissemination of information concerning the hazards of operating a vessel when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
5. A system, approved by the Secretary, for reporting marine casualties

There is a **STATE** matching requirement of up to 50%.



National Nonprofit Organization Grant Program

- Funded to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- About \$6,000,000 in funding each year
- Purpose to reduce number of accidents, injuries and deaths, and safe boating experience
- National in scope to nonprofit organizations
- Grants are focused on outreach, standards, conferences, courses, public health and safety equipment



National Recreation Boating Safety Survey Grant Program

- BSX will be fielding a future nationwide survey on boating pending OMB approval.
- NORC at the University of Chicago will help conduct the survey on behalf of USCG
- Survey yields:
 - Nationwide estimate on the number of boaters
 - Estimate of unregistered boats (canoes, kayaks, etc.)
 - Estimates and usage of communication, distress and safety equipment & boating safety courses
 - By-state estimate of boating exposure hours
- Public Comment Period open through Nov 4
- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/USCG-2024-0734>

