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2020 USCG Regulations for Recreational Boats Book Now Available

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 30, 2020 – The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) recently published the revised book of the *USCG Regulations for Recreational Boats*, which contains the pertinent parts of the regulation (Title 33 and 46, Code of Federal Regulations) and law (Title 46, United States Code), which governs the U.S. Coast Guard’s Boating Safety Program.

One change in the 2020 volume comes from the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, with requirements for all recreational boats less than 26 feet capable of producing more than 115 pounds of thrust to have an engine cut-off device per ABYC A-33, *Emergency Engine/Propulsion Cut-off Devices* (2018). The compliance date is Dec. 4, 2019 (enforcement on new boats with HIN’s ending A020).

“As these requirements take effect in the middle of model year 2020, builders need to pay special attention to implementation,” said Brian Goodwin ABYC technical director. “The good news is that many builders already provide a cut-off device and engine and controls manufacturers have products available now that incorporate a A-33 compliant device. Members of ABYC have access to the A-33 standard via ABYC’s online library and can contact the ABYC Tech Department with compliance questions.”

The *USCG Regulations for Recreational Boats* book includes information of defect notification, manufacturer certification of compliance, labeling, hull identification numbers, capacity, safe loading, safe powering, testing electrical systems, fuel systems, ventilation, personal flotation devices, visual distress signals, fire extinguishers, marine sanitation devices, accident reporting requirements and state numbering systems.

Visit www.abycinc.org/cfr to purchase the *USCG Regulations for Recreational Boats*, while supplies last.

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Since 1954, the nonprofit American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has developed safety standards for boat design, construction, equipage, repair and maintenance. The essential global source of marine industry technical information, ABYC's product safety standards, credentialing, education, training, and other tools help members make boating safer.