

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Transportation Working Group - Construction/Safety Standards for Small Craft</b> Canada Lead - Gerard McDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety & Security, Transport Canada U.S. Lead - Brian Salerno, Vice-Admiral, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security			
<b>Action Plan Initiative</b>	<i>Align pleasure craft construction/recreational boat safety standards and develop a proposal for aligning the compliance monitoring and safety recall regimes.</i>			
<b>Deliverable outcome</b>	<i>Agree to compare the varying regulations and compliance programs and their impacts on safety and, if warranted, create a roadmap that may allow boat manufacturers to build to both regimes, as well as consider aligning compliance monitoring and safety recall regimes.</i>			
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<b>Action items</b>	Action Item 1: Align the regulations and standards for construction of pleasure craft/recreational boats.	Action Item 2: Align the compliance monitoring program.	Action Item 3: Develop a joint harmonized safety defects and recall program.	Action Item 4: Establish an ongoing alignment mechanism for standards, compliance monitoring, and safety recall programs.
<b>Interim Deliverables</b>				
<b>3-6 Months</b>	<i>Identify elements of cooperation and agreement between Canada and the U.S. on all applicable pleasure craft construction/recreational boat safety standards .</i>	<i>Review current Canada and U.S. procedures for compliance monitoring and produce draft paper noting differences.</i>	<i>Review U.S. safety defects and recall system (Canada currently has no recall program).</i>	<i>Identify scope and elements of a cooperative framework that would align standards, compliance monitoring, and safety recall approaches.</i>
<b>6-12 Months</b>	<i>Develop proposals and options paper for all elements and conduct gap analysis and agree on priority for alignment of requirements.</i>	<i>Develop proposal for harmonizing compliance monitoring processes, and consult interested third parties and stakeholders.</i>	<i>Develop proposal for a Canadian voluntary recall system aligned with the U.S. mandatory system.</i>	<i>Assess the necessary changes required to establish an ongoing alignment mechanism.</i>
<b>12-18 Months</b>	<i>Draft proposal for aligning the requirements under a new cooperative mechanism for vessel construction and consult interested parties.</i>	<i>Develop joint inspection checklist and produce guidance document for inspectors.</i>	<i>Consult interested third parties and stakeholders and develop procedures for putting such a system in place.</i>	<i>Pilot to test the key elements.</i>
<b>Beyond 18 Months</b>	<i>Reach final agreement on alignment of standards and proceed with appropriate adjustments.</i>	<i>Implement joint aligned compliance monitoring program.</i>	<i>Implement voluntary recall system that is harmonized with the U.S. system.</i>	<i>Implement cooperative framework that allows for alignment of standards, compliance monitoring, and safety recall programs.</i>