

International Association of Marine Investigators



Resolution 2010-5

WHEREAS the 17-character Hull Identification Number (HIN) has been a continual and ongoing issue for over a decade; and

WHEREAS the adoption of the 17 character Hull Identification Number (HIN) has been endorsed by the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), and the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC); and

WHEREAS the intransigence of the Product Assurance Branch of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) relative to this issue can be overcome only through compromise; and

WHEREAS a compromise relative to this issue was proposed and accepted by the sub-committee appointed by the NBSAC chaired by the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and attended by IAMI, NASBLA, National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), and the USCG at the annual NASBLA meeting in Chattanooga Tennessee in 2004; and

WHEREAS the compromise reached includes the current USCG HIN plus five additional characters including a check digit, as proposed by IAMI and NASBLA; and

WHEREAS the NBSAC based on this compromise directed the USCG to move forward with the regulatory process in the most expeditious manner at its meeting in October 2004; and

WHEREAS further delay relative to this matter only serves the criminal element, and weakens homeland security efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Marine Investigators meeting this 13th day of January 2010 in Galveston, Texas does hereby strongly encourage the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) to adopt the HIN format currently under consideration for technical bulletin status as an ABYC Standard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

Michael Smith, President