



May 19-22, 2025

63rd Annual Conference and Workshop Tumon Bay, Guam



David 'Kawika' Lau
Keynote Speaker

David Ha'alilio Lau, better known as Kawika, is a keynote speaker, facilitator, and educator who is passionate about adding value to your leadership journey. Kawika has found purpose in sharing philosophy, empirical data, and personal stories to inspire and illuminate a path for people to lead full and complete lives, and flourish forward after the storms of life hit. As a strategic visionary, he will share his knowledge and personal experiences from decades of global leadership experience across Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa.



Josett Cruz
Guam Police Department

Local Foreign Made Vessel Challenges

Guam Police Department Recreational Boating Safety Program Office; Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee Member, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)

Summary:

Understand the regulations and challenges specific to Guam surrounding self-imported foreign vessels, including hull identification requirements, recent regulatory updates, and real case studies shared by Josett Cruz.



John Balbin, Sergeant
Guam Police Department

Case Study: Overdue Fisherman

Guam Police Department Special Enforcement Amphibious Section; Master Boat Captain; Enforcement & Training Committee member, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Summary:

Sergeant John Balbin will present a real-world case study of an overdue fisherman, offering critical insights into how decision points, planning gaps, and interagency coordination impact outcomes—even in well-executed maritime search efforts.

JOIN US

Join us for an engaging and informative gathering of boating law administrators, industry leaders, and recreational boating and safety professionals. This premier event brings together representatives from 20 member states and territories, 7 associate members, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

WHY ATTEND?

- Connect with experts and peers to share ideas and best practices in recreational boating safety
- Join interactive workshops that spark innovation and real-world solutions
- Hear success stories and challenges from member states across the region
- Be inspired by a keynote speaker and presentations from local administrative and regulatory enforcement professionals

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

If your organization is dedicated to saving lives on the water and promoting boating safety, this event is designed for you.

Recommended Attendees:

- Local, Territorial, Military and Federal Law Enforcement & Public Safety Officials
- Water Safety Professionals and Educators
- Innovation and real-world solutions
- Recreational Boating & Tour Operators
- Water Sports Industry Leaders and Instructors
- Marine Equipment Distributors & Suppliers
- Retailers and Wholesalers of Water-Related Products and Services

* Companies involved in maritime activity

Is there an agenda available for review?

Attached you will find the Conference and Workshop Agenda.



Guest Speaker Presentation
Navigating Federal Boating Regulations
A U.S. Coast Guard representative is tentatively scheduled to join us—pending confirmation.

Frequently Asked Questions

When and where is the conference taking place?

The conference will be held May 19–22, 2025, at the Westin Resort Guam, located in Tumon Bay, Guam.

Who should attend?

The conference is open to all and highly recommended for Local, Territorial, Military and Federal Law Enforcement & Public Safety Officials, Water Safety Professionals and Educators, Recreational Boating & Tour Operators, Water Sports Industry Leaders and Instructors, Marine Equipment Distributors & Suppliers, Retailers and Wholesalers of Water-Related Products and Services.

You do not need to be a member of NASBLA or WSBA to attend.

How do I register?

1. Visit www.nasbla.org
2. Select Calendar
3. Choose WSBA 63rd Conference – May 19–22
4. Follow the registration instructions
5. You must create a NASBLA account to complete registration.

What are the registration fees?

Full Event Registration: \$250 (includes all workshop sessions, events, and meals)

Awards Dinner Only: \$50

President's Dinner Only: \$50

Are there airline discounts I can avail of to travel to Guam?

Yes! United Airlines is a WSBA sponsor offering discounted airfare for conference attendees. The discount depends on your travel origin. Visit www.wsbaaguam.com and click United Airlines Promo for more details and to book your flight.

Do I need a passport to travel to Guam?

If you're a U.S. citizen, no passport is required to travel to Guam via Honolulu, Hawaii. Guam is a U.S. territory, and domestic travel rules apply. If you choose travel via any international route such as Japan, you will need a U.S. Passport.

However, you must present a valid government-issued photo ID at the airport for security screening and boarding.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- A valid U.S. driver's license or state ID (REAL ID-compliant)
- A U.S. passport or passport card
- A Department of Defense (DoD) ID, including IDs issued to dependents
- Any other TSA-approved identification

Non-U.S. citizens should check visa requirements and carry a valid passport and any applicable travel documents.

Special Thanks To:



Are there hotel discounts for attendees?

Yes, Discounted rates are available through the Westin Resort Guam. Booking links can be found at www.wsbaaguam.com.

Is there an agenda available?

Yes. The agenda to date is available. Updates are being made as we get closer to the event, and the most current version will be shared online and via email.

What should I wear?

Business casual attire is appropriate for conference sessions (collared shirts, polos, short sleeve, pants and closed toe shoes. no slippers or tank tops please). Comfortable clothing is recommended for optional excursions or cultural tours.

What will the weather be like during the conference?

Guam in May is warm and humid, with average daytime temperatures in the mid-80s °F (around 29°C) and occasional brief rain showers. We recommend bringing lightweight, breathable clothing, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), and a light rain jacket or umbrella just in case.

Will transportation be provided?

Local transportation is not included for airport transfers or general travel, but taxis, ride-shares, and car rentals are available from the Guam International Airport and throughout Tumon.

However, transportation will be provided for select off-site workshops and events, including the President's Dinner at Tao Tao Tasi and the On-Water Event at Agat Marina.

Can I bring a guest?

Yes! Guest tickets for the Awards Dinner and President's Dinner can be purchased separately.

Will there be time for sightseeing?

Absolutely! Guam offers beautiful beaches, cultural sites, and local dining. Free time is built into the schedule, and optional activities will be shared with registrants in advance.

How can I become a sponsor or contributor?

Visit www.wsbaaguam.com for sponsorship opportunities.