

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



By the time you receive this communication the media blitz will be completed for National Safe Boating Week. Regional events were held in Florida, New York, Ohio and California which was a distinct change from the single event formerly held. The consensus was that it greatly improved the media coverage.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> a reception was held in Washington, D.C. to honor the members of Congress (*see details below*) dedicated to boating safety. NSBC and the US Coast Guard sponsored the reception where Confluence Awards were presented.

The campaign kits were distributed in record time this year to the people and organizations involved in boating safety. There were many

compliments on the rapid response to requests for materials. Our NSBC staff did an outstanding job on the campaign; I congratulate them.

Remember, the Safe Boating Campaign is a year round effort. Join us in the commitment to make boating more enjoyable and safer. We can make a difference by working cooperatively.

Our first *Annual Report* should be in your hands by now. Read it to see what a vibrant organization the NSBC has become. The things that have been done and the plans for the future should make you proud to be a member of the Council. With your support we will continue to achieve even higher goals.

*Have a safe and great boating summer.*

**William Selden**  
NSBC Chair

### CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION

On May 22, the National Safe Boating Council and the U.S. Coast Guard, with support from MetLife Auto and Home and Coors Brewing Company, sponsored the annual Boating Safety Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill. The event was highlighted by the presentation of the first **Safe Boating Confluence Awards**.

This celebration marked the accomplished and on going work of the Aquatic Resources (Wallop-Breaux) Trust Fund. According to the statistical analysis from the Coast Guard, since the Wallop-Breaux inception in 1984, an estimated 22,000 lives have been saved. These lives were saved through the collective efforts of many: the individual states, US Territories, and the US Coast Guard. The Boat Safety Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund provides resources to these entities. These funds come from the motorboat fuel tax, making this fund a true "user pays, user benefits" program. The fund's success continues to be measured by increasing numbers of educated boaters who "boat smart from the start" and who benefit from safe boating programs.

The evening's participants included USCG Vice Commandant Admiral Collins, USPS Commandant Ted Smith, NASBLA President Steve Hall, many distinguished members of Congress and members and directors of NSBC.

The **Confluence Award**, which recognizes the men and women for their efforts in bringing people, resources and vision together for the betterment of safer boating, was presented to several individuals in attendance: Congressmen John Shadegg, Scott McInnis, William Delahunt and Frank LoBiondo. Others who will be presented their award at another venue later this year include: Senators Ted Stevens, John F. Kerry, Ernest F. Hollings, and Representatives Don Young, Harold Rogers and Sonny Callahan. This new award thus opens a new chapter in boating safety.

### NSBC'S PREMIUM MEMBERS

*From our broad-based member support comes the strength and vitality of our organization. If you are not yet on board, please consider joining.*



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[Visit our Partners and Premium Level Members at: www.safeboatingcouncil.com](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.com)

## BULLETIN BOARD



### NEW BOATING SAFETY PAMPHLET AVAILABLE

Thanks to Coors Brewing Company, the NSBC has a new boating safety brochure to distribute entitled **Choose to Boat Safely**. This informative brochure has general boating safety ideas that are useful to even the most experienced boater. NSBC organizational members may contact the NSBC office to receive a sample copy.



### SIDEKICKS "GO FISHING" ACTIVITY BOOKLET

The National Safe Boating Council's **Sidekicks "Go Fishing" Activity Booklet** is now available for order. Our lovable Sidekicks taught us boating safety in their first edition, now they're teaching good fishing safety and techniques. To get your copies today and join Seth, Abby, Ahoy and the rest of the Sidekicks gang, contact the NSBC office or check the website at [www.boatingsafetysidekicks.com](http://www.boatingsafetysidekicks.com)



### BOATING SAFETY INSTRUCTOR KITS YOU CAN STILL ORDER

The kit contains over a thousand dollars of boating safety teaching aid products. Visit the NSBC web site: [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org), click on the left button "Products" to download an order form. Check it out!

## WELCOME NSBC'S NEW MEMBERS

### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Aurora City Div. of Open Space & Natural Resources, Columbia Seaplane Pilots Assoc., Dayton Power Squadron, Duke Power-Lake Mgt., Edgewater Power Boats, Entergy, Las Vegas Bay Marina, Pennsylvania Water Rescue Instructor Association, Triton Boats, U.S. Geological Survey, USACE Illinois Visitor Center, USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 3-5, USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 67.

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

\*Richard Allsopp, \*Jorge Dalmau, \*Barry Ennis, \*Mike Fields, \*Edward Leachman, \*Greg MacTye, \*Dean Sealey, \*Michael Sherry, Michael Warren, and \*Brian Westfall. (\* indicates new NSBC Instructors).