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FOCUS ON A WINNER!



(Pictured above is Terry Kelly, winner of the Boating Safety Youth Program Award.)

At the 2002 Summit Terry Kelly was awarded the NSBC **Boating Safety Youth Program Award**.

Kelly has been a Volunteer Boating Education Instructor for 3 years with the AZ Game and Fish Department. He is also a certified instructor for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. His program, 'Personal Watercraft Safety Education for Young Adults,' has reached hundreds of students, ages 12-18, stressing the safety aspects of personal watercraft operation. Approximately 250 students are reached each year.

Since students become restless and attendance usually declines as the semester nears an end, Kelly recognized the need for a specific program for *young adults*.
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FOCUS ON A WINNER—continues

Kelly "dressed-up" his classroom with personal watercraft (PWC) paraphernalia, (wake boards, wet suits, sun glasses, sandals, etc.) with borrowed items from a local PWC dealer, giving them some free publicity. Next, the PWCs are parked by his classroom at which time every student wants to come to Kelly's class!

The course content is generic, but Kelly includes legal requirements from the three states that share jurisdiction of the Colorado River and Lakes: AZ, NV and CA.

As students talk about what they have learned with their parents and friends, it is lessons learned that could save lives. Besides, it's a fun educational way to end the school year.

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Terry Kelly by e-mail, tkelly@mohaveaz.com.

Special thanks to NSBC member, **West Marine**, for sponsoring this award.

NEW DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ELECTED



(The above photo shows NSBC Board of Directors, staff and friends during their tour of SOS, Inc. in Fruitland, ID. Special thanks to Scott Swamy and staff for a great visit.)

At the recent NSBC membership meeting in Cleveland, new directors and officers were elected to lead the organization. **William Grizwold** has taken the helm as Chair from **Bill Selden** who will continue on the Board as the Past Chair. **Ed Carter** was elected Vice Chair, **Ruth Wood** as Treasurer and **Veronica Floyd** moves into the position of Secretary.

Two other directors were elected to serve at-large: **Joyce Shaw** and **Jim Richardson**. Appointed to the board was **Monita Fontaine**. Please refer to the mailing cover of this issue of the Anchorline for complete Director listing. Or check out the website for more information:

www.safeboatingcouncil.org

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Enjoy the Ride . . . But Not On the Bow

It seems like the best possible place to be...and indeed it can be very appealing. It can give a person the "king of the world" sensation of flying or gliding effortlessly across the water on a glass-smooth day. Don't let the allure of bow riding blind you. It is a risky, and in many cases, illegal activity.

Some states classify bow riding as careless and reckless operation or at least an unsafe boating practice. More importantly, it is setting up the makings of a serious tragedy. The wake of a passing boat, the quick acceleration or deceleration of the boat being bow ridden, or a sudden turn of the craft as the operator reacts to something in the water or the close approach of another boat could easily cause a bow rider to suddenly and unexpectedly enter the water.

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