

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SPEAKS!



As I assume the Chair of the National Safe Boating Council I'd like to thank those Chairs who preceded me. And especially, Bill Selden, who has been the consummate volunteer for many years and led our organization to a new level these last two years. Thanks is due our Executive Director, Virgil Chambers, his staff and the rest of the Board for their hard work, dedication and time.

When I first joined the Board, the Council was in trouble because they had lost the Campaign grant. But the Board rolled up their sleeves, and bounced back. Membership has increased, a strategic plan has been written, (see page 5 for update) and those dark days seem like eons ago. Today our organization is strong, headed towards new heights, and has joined with some great partners for the betterment of boating.

I hope we can expand our ability to raise funds aside from the U.S. Coast Guard grant

programs. We are doing this now, but I think there is great potential awaiting the Council. There is an excellent chance, as I write this, that we will move our "headquarters" to the Washington, D.C. area. Our home in Ohio has been great, but moving closer to many of the forums that meet in the Capital should benefit us.

We would like to involve you, the members, even more. Your support has been an inspiration in the past, and we look to you to help guide us. Our International efforts, our partnerships, our products and our mantra of providing "Safer Boating Through Education" will keep all of us busy. Please give us your thoughts, your counsel and your good will. I hope to meet many of you during my tour as Chair, and please contact anyone on the Board with your advice; we're here to serve you.

Bill Griswold,
NSBC Chair

CALL FOR . . . ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATIONS

The National Safe Boating Council sponsors two annual awards in its continuing effort to recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and organizations in the field of boating safety education and awareness. All boating enthusiasts are urged to submit write-ups of their projects and to apply for these awards.

The **Boating Education Advancement Award**, sponsored by Coors Brewing Company, recognizes individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented programs that:

- ~Enhance the image and recognition of boating safety efforts
- ~Share success stories for the betterment of safe boating
- ~Create a closer partnership between national, state and local boating education organizations
- ~Promote the themes of the National Safe Boating Week campaign

Three regional finalists are selected, one from each of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) regions, to compete for the national award. Each regional winner receives a \$500 prize. From these three regional winners, the national BEAA winner is selected by NSBC and awarded a \$1,000 prize, a trophy and a trip to the International Boating and Water Safety Summit*. Although regional deadlines vary, all applications received by NSBC between annual Summits are considered for the award. Consult the NSBC website for complete details on the BEA awards.

The **Boating Safety Youth Program Award**, sponsored by West Marine, recognizes individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented innovative youth boating education programs targeting safety issues and concerns of a national interest. The winner of this award receives a paid trip to the Summit* along with a trophy and a check for \$2,500. The deadline for submitting award applications is **10 February 2003**.

For complete details on either of these awards, visit the National Safe Boating Council website:

www.safeboatingcouncil.org

The NSBC mailing address for applications and additional information is:

**National Safe Boating Council, Inc.,
P. O. Box 1058, Delaware, OH 43015.**

The NSBC welcomes the opportunity to encourage and recognize projects that have made lasting contributions to the interest of boating safety. Through the BEAA and Youth Award Programs, NSBC encourages partnerships with the boating community to create groundbreaking programs and assists local groups in funding projects that demonstrate out mutual excitement about boating safety and our commitment to **Safer Boating through Education**.

**The 2003 Summit will be held at the Alexis Park in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 13—16.*

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