

## WE WILL REMEMBER

Bill Selden, past chair of the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) and Past Commander of the US Power Squadron (USPS) died October 13, 2003. Please review this brief background on Bill.

Mr. Selden joined the USPS in 1958. He worked through the bridge chairs of the squadron becoming squadron Commander in '66. He advanced to the District becoming District Five Commander in '72. He then served on the National Operations Training Committee, Planning Committee, and Liaison Committee. In '84, he was elected to the National Bridge and assumed the Rank of Vice Commander as the National Administrative Officer, serving two years. In '86, he served two years as National Executive Officer. In '88, he was elected to the office of National Chief Commander and served two years, receiving the **U.S. Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award**.

Selden served six years on the National Safe Boating Advisory Council, receiving the US Coast Guard **Meritorious Service Award**. He was assigned to Chair the BSAC. After serving for three years, he was presented with a **second Distinguished Public Service Award**.

In September of 2000, Mr. Selden was elected as Chair, National Safe Boating Council. His two-year term ended in September of 2002. During his leadership in the NSBC he was instrumental in implementing the local level Recreational Boating Safety Grant program through the USCG nonprofit grant system (a program which he championed),  
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The poem, *Crossing the Bar*, as seen below, was read at Bill Selden's Memorial Service by NSBC's Executive Director, Virgil Chambers.

### *Crossing the Bar*

by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out  
the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell.  
And after that the dark  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark;  
For though from out our bourne of  
Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

launched the NSBC first official annual report and grew the membership to record number. Bill was the **only serving chair** to be inducted into the Council's **Boating Safety Hall of Fame** for his lifelong advocacy for boating safety.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2004

### January

13 CASBA's Toronto, ON  
14-18 USPS Annual Meeting Orlando FL  
24-25 NSBC Board Meeting Panama City, FL  
23-25 USCGAux. National Training Conf.  
St. Louis, MO

25 **DEADLINE RBS Grant Applications**

### February

10 **DEADLINE Boating Safety Youth Program Award Applications**  
20-21 NASBLA Committee Meetings  
West Palm Beach, FL  
22-25 IAMI Annual Meeting  
West Palm Beach, FL

### March

26-27 National Boating Federation Meeting  
Houston, TX

### April

16-17 NSBC/NASBLA Reviewer Training  
Panama City, FL  
18-21 SUMMIT (IBWSS) Panama City, FL  
17 NSBC Board Meeting Panama City, FL  
18 NSBC Membership Meeting  
Panama City, FL

### May

19-23 USPS Spring Governing Board Mtg  
Pittsburg, PA  
22-28 National Safe Boating Week

### June

6-8 SSBLAA Annual Meeting St. Croix, VI  
12-16 NABA Annual Meeting  
Niagara Falls, NY

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