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## NATIONAL WINNER



Above, Spirit of America participants, 2001

The Spirit of America Foundation won last year's NSBC Boating Education Advancement Award. The following is a summary of their award winning program.

Spirit of America Foundation was initiated to establish a boating and water safety youth education program that would be available, at no cost, to any middle school aged child. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation has educated over 2,500 youth.

The Foundation program combines the best of boating and water safety classroom curriculum with the extraordinary experience of hands-on boating activities.

After passing the ODNR Boating Education Course, students spend five weeks in the hands-on portion of the program. Water safety of all types is introduced. Students become Captains of their own vessels, spending eight hours in 14' jon boats powered with 9.9 hp engines, canoes, kayaks, 14' Hunter 140 sailboats, personal water craft and large boats. The knowledge gained from their boating experience is creatively used in designing and building their own three person cardboard boat.

The students train in man over board, radio transmissions, emergency rescue and (please continue article in next column)

### (National BEAA Winner—continues)

hypothermia, weather knowledge, plotting and charting, state of the art electronics, engine maintenance, float plans, as well as capsizing and righting a small vessel.

The Foundation program is highly adaptable. Local schools or park systems serve as program hosts. Because the Foundation has partnered with organizations such as the US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, NSBC, National Water Safety Congress, US Power Squadrons, local police, fire, dive and rescue teams, the program can easily be adapted.



An extraordinary volunteer staff, well trained in each area, presents the Spirit of America programs. Any school or park system wishing to participate in this program can contact the Foundation office to make arrangements. (info found below)

The Foundation wants to make this program available to others across the country, providing an educational opportunity unlike any other. With this program the Foundation meets its underlying goals of nurturing responsible behavior, developing self esteem, teamwork and safe seamanship.

Special thanks to **Coors Brewing Corporation** for sponsoring the NSBC Boating Education Advancement Award.

(For more information, contact Cecilia Duer, Spirit of America Foundation, Mentor, OH 440-951-5111.)

## ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE SUMMIT ?

The International Boating and Water Safety Summit convenes April 13, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Along with some fantastic General Sessions, the program includes five tracks of presentations to enhance your boating and water safety education. These breakouts include:

- Education & Outreach**
- Water Safety Education**
- Risk Management & Liability**
- Paddlesport Safety**
- Law Enforcement**

The Alexis Park Resort, a non-gaming property, will house the event. Make your hotel reservation by calling 800-453-8000. To obtain the special \$79.00 rate, you must identify yourself as a Summit participant.

Summit registration forms have been mailed or can be found at:

[www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org)

Click on the Summit logo to access more Summit details. Find the Summit *Scholarships Applications* and other details at the same location. Registrations made before March 13 can take advantage of the Early Bird registration fee!! See you there!

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## WHAT'S MY LINE

### AN AGE OLD QUESTION - THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROPE AND LINE

Here is a simple explanation. Rope is purchased as rope. Once it is used onboard a boat we call it line. Boaters will say, "fasten that line" or "throw me a line." When on a boat, use the term line or you will sound like a landlubber. Many times the terms are used interchangeably.

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