

SPOTLIGHT



Monita W. Fontaine, Vice President of Government Relations for the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), was appointed to serve on the NSBC's Board of Directors. Fontaine previously

was Executive Director of the Personal Watercraft Industry Association (PWIA). An attorney with a Master's degree in Maritime Law, Fontaine has represented the recreational boating industry's interests at the federal, state and local levels for nearly 25 years.

This San Antonio, TX native, was the first woman appointed as briefing attorney for a 4th Circuit US Court of Appeals justice. She also served as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill.

An avid sailor and athlete, she skippered her 34-foot sloop across the Atlantic with an all-woman crew. She enjoys backpacking, kayaking, downhill skiing and golf but finds they take a back seat to her work.

If you have yet to welcome Ms. Fontaine to NSBC, please do so. The Board of Directors is appreciative of her willingness to share her expertise, experience, leadership and time. Welcome aboard, Monita!



We Caught You Wearing IT!

Tulsa Squadron organized its first *Life Jacket for Kids Loaner Program* in 1998. Today there are eight program sites!

How it worked: when the Lake Patrol 'caught' a kid on a boat wearing his life jacket, he was rewarded with a special T-Shirt. The program provided a great opportunity to increase the public's awareness of wearing a life jacket and the importance of safe boating. The Lake Patrol and the Squadron found the shirts were a great activity and community awareness tool.

"This project was a win-win situation for everybody!" exclaims Marilyn and Earl Rose of Tulsa Squadron. With the \$1,000 grant awarded to the Squadron from one of the NSBC's RBS grants, the 432 T-Shirts decorated with a fun safety message were purchased. Thank you, NSBC, for the grant money to spotlight safety!

Dates To Remember

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| February 10 | <i>Deadline</i> |
| Boating Education Advancement Award Application* | |
| Boating Safety Youth Program Award Application* | |
| February 23 — 27 | <i>Panama City, FL</i> |
| AIAMI Annual Meeting | |
| March 29 — April 3 | <i>Mobile, AL</i> |
| SSBLAA Annual Conference | |
| April 12 | <i>Las Vegas NV</i> |
| NSBC Board of Directors Meeting | |
| April 13 | <i>Las Vegas, NV</i> |
| NSNC Membership Meeting | |
| April 13 — 16 | <i>Las Vegas, NV</i> |
| 7th Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit | |
| April 17 — 18 | <i>Las Vegas, NV</i> |
| NSBC Instructor Training Course | |
| May 4 — 7 | <i>Portland, OR</i> |
| WSBAA Annual Conference | |
| May 14 | <i>New York City</i> |
| Safe Boating Campaign Kick off | |
| May 17 — 23 | |
| National Safe Boating Week | |
| May 20 | <i>Washington, DC</i> |
| Congressional Reception | |
| May 21 — 22 | <i>Washington, DC</i> |
| NASBLA Future's Forum II | |
| June 8 — 11 | <i>Bar Harbor, ME</i> |
| NABA Annual Conference | |
| September 20 — 24 | <i>Virginia Beach</i> |
| NASBLA Annual Conference | |

*Please view the NSBC website for details

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