

SPOTLIGHT



Mike Wilson, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, was appointed to the NSBC Board of Directors. He has been with AGFC since 1974, and has worked in Boating Safety

for twenty years, serving as State Boating Law Administrator for twelve of those years.

Wilson is a past president of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the Southern States Boating Law Administrators. He has served eleven years as chair of the NASBLA Grants Administration Committee and two years on the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

During his time as Boating Law Administrator, his work with the Arkansas State Legislature included drafting the bills, and pressing for passage and implementation of a boating OUI law with 0.10 BAC, implied consent, and stiff penalties; a mandatory boating education law; a mandatory PFD wear law for children ages 12 and under; mandatory PFD wear for PWC operators and passengers; better reckless operation laws; and a mandatory liability insurance law for motor-boats.

Wilson and his wife, Mary, have one daughter who is a junior at Arkansas State University.

WANT SOME MONEY?? BOATING GRANTS AVAILABLE

Now that the 2003 recreational boating season is half over, it is time to think about future safe boating promotions. What better time to identify your boating safety needs? So, as this season comes to an end, apply for a grant to help you *make this season's idea, next season's reality!*

There are many boating organizations and groups eager to promote safe boating. These groups exert numerous resources to raise a relatively small amount of money. With the assistance of the Local Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Grant Program, these resources may be focused more effectively on safe boating initiatives.

Applications for the Local RBS Grant will be accepted from **October 25, 2003, and must be postmarked no later than January 25, 2004.** Grants will be awarded by March 15, 2004, enabling you to have the funds for 2004 National Safe Boating Week projects.

In three years, 54 organizations in 23 states have received grants, with 50% of applicants receiving grants in 2003. To see the guidelines and obtain an application, go to www.safeboatingcouncil.org. Press the "Local RBS Grant Program" button, and you should be on your way to winning \$\$ for your future boating safety program. Good Luck!

Dates To Remember

Please email your Boating Safety Meeting dates to safe.summit@verizon.net for inclusion in future AnchorLines.

2003

- July 18 & 19 Manassas, VA
NSBC Board Meeting*
- August 20 Deadline
Summit Program Proposals*
- August 28 - 30 Nashville, TN
USCGAux Conference
- September 3 - 7 Reno, NV
USPS Governing Board Mtg.
- September 20 Virginia Beach, VA
NSBC Board Meeting*
- September 20 - 24 Virginia Beach, VA
NASBLA Conference
- September 21 Virginia Beach, VA
NSBC Membership Meeting*
- September 22 Deadline
Fall AnchorLine
- September 26 - 28 Montreal, Quebec
CSBC Annual Symposium

2004

- April 18 - 21 Panama City Beach, FL
International Boating and Water Safety Summit

*Please view the NSBC website for details

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