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A PEEK AT THE 2005 SUMMIT

Next year's Summit will be spectacular! Especially since the location is beautiful Newport Beach, CA. The housing and events will be hosted in and around the newly renovated (\$13 million worth) beach-front Hyatt Newporter (soon to be the Hyatt Regency of Newport Beach), as seen below. You will want to reserve these dates NOW!

MARCH 13 - 16, 2005!

The Summit Advisory Committee (SAC) is considering program proposals at this time. If you have not yet submitted your program proposal, please go to the NSBC web site, www.safeboatingcouncil.org/summit/summitmain.htm and click on "Call for Presentations." The deadline for proposal submissions is August 30, 2004. Watch the web site for registration and program details as they become available.

This 2005 Summit will most likely be the most outstanding educational opportunity in the world for boating and water safety professionals and volunteers. So, mark the date on your calendar now. And, with all that Newport Beach and the surrounding area has to offer, you might consider it an exciting trip for your entire family.



CONFLUENCE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The National Safe Boating Council announced the recipients of the **2004 Confluence Awards** at the Congressional Reception held on May 19, 2004 at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington D.C. The **Confluence Awards** are presented to those Congressmen who have brought together people, resources and vision toward the betterment of safer boating on America's waters.



NSBC Chairman William Griswold with Representative Clay Shaw

This year, four Congressmen were honored: **Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa, Representative Jon Porter of Nevada, Representative Jim Saxton of New Jersey, and Representative Clay Shaw Jr. of Florida.** (This is Mr. Shaw's second NSBC Confluence Award.)



NSBC's Virgil Chambers with Congressmen Jim Saxton and Mike Sciulla



NASBLA President Fred Messmann with Representative Jon Porter

Each Congressman was presented a plaque. Each one also received a state of the art inflatable life jacket (compliments of Mr. Scott Swanby, WaterMark Paddlesports, Inc.).



Senator Charles Grassley with NSBC Executive Director Virgil Chambers

In addition to the **Confluence Awards**, the United States Coast Guard presented **Mr. Al Unser, Sr.** with the **United States Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award** for his tireless efforts in educating the public to the dangers of Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

The Congressional Reception was co-hosted by the NSBC, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the United States Coast Guard. NSBC Patron members **Coors Brewing Company** and **MetLife Auto and Home** sponsored the Reception.

RENDERING ASSISTANCE

Some say there is an "unwritten law of the sea" that if a operator of a vessel sees another vessel in danger or in need of assistance, he or she shall render assistance. Well, let it be known, that is not an "unwritten law of the sea" it is a written rule. It is found in the *United States Coast Guard Navigation Rules*. After the exemptions and the annex section you will find the Penalty Provisions. Listed there is the **§2304 Duty to provide assistance at sea** [Chapter 23].

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