

AND NOW COMMENTS FROM OUR CHAIR



If I were asked to describe the National Safe Boating Council, I could use several words and phrases that would be some indication of how dynamic the organization continues to become. But rather than search my thesaurus for words I probably couldn't spell, I'll simply use the old cliché, "lead, follow, or get out of the way". As Chair of the Council, I've found myself under full sail to stay on the crest of a constant wave of new ideas, innovative programs, and a ground swell of support. (Wow, that was so poetic I think I'll write it down somewhere).

While many may still think of the Council in context with the National Safe Boating Campaign, there's no doubt that the recognition level has broadened to include initiatives and grants for grass-root boating safety campaigns, instructor training programs, innovative awards and public awareness efforts. Cooperative ventures with industry are becoming more commonplace and will provide an emerging synergy that I personally believe will elevate safer boating to levels that we have never been able to reach.

I've mentioned the international cooperative efforts to launch worldwide boating safety campaigns. Our partnership with the Canadian Safe Boating Council, and other Canadian boating safety organizations, has been phenomenal. Now it appears that Italy will formally begin its efforts in November with an announcement at the Genoa Boat Show in conjunction with the 135th year celebration of the National Life Saving Society of Italy. Several countries in the Caribbean are working toward similar goals. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Finally, there are periods in one's life, professionally and personally, which stand out as exceptionally memorable. For me, the honor and opportunity to serve as Chair of the National Safe Boating Council is one of those moments and has been an experience that I will always treasure. Working with the Board and Staff of the Council, which is comprised of leaders of some of the most dynamic individuals in the boating safety arena, and the interaction with similar organizations in Canada, Italy, and other countries has been one of the most satisfying periods of my career. I thank you for your cooperation, your guidance and help, and for what you've done for those of us who love the water.



FLOAT THIS FACT ABOUT THE NSBC.....

Did you know ten years ago 95% of the funding for the NSBC came from U.S. Coast Guard administered grant money. Currently, about 50% of the funding for NSBC comes from U.S. Coast Guard administered grant money.

The progress the NSBC is making follows the strategy set forth in Goal 4 of the NSBC Strategic Plan - Establish the NSBC's legacy for future generations by developing diversified funding sources through increased involvement from a broad base of membership and partners.



SPERRY TOP-SIDER TRIVIA

We are happy to announce that one of our newest Patron Level members, Sperry Top-Sider, will now be sponsoring the Sperry Top-Sider Trivia! The first person to email the correct answer of the trivia question to office@safiboatingcouncil.org will receive a prize donated by Sperry Top-Sider. Thank you to Sperry for supporting our Nautical Trivia and good luck!

We stumped you! No one was able to answer last issues's trivia question. A powerful small boat that pushes or pulls an unpowered passenger schooner is called a **YAWL** boat!

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