

AND NOW COMMENTS FROM OUR CHAIR



I recently met with Virgil and his staff at NSBC Headquarters. As the new chair, I wanted to get the best handle I could on what the Council was working on and what challenges lay ahead. The staff prepared an agenda for the meeting and as usual it was chock-a-block with creative programs and strategies for reaching out to boaters with safety and educational programs.

At the meeting I learned that several deadlines are just around the corner. The "Take 'Em Boating" Grant funded by the OMC Foundation that focuses on getting young people out on the water and the Boating Safety Youth Award are due by December 31st. All of these programs include cash awards to help support innovative boating safety programs. This is another fine example of the Council working for you. So, if you know of organizations or individuals who could use some extra money to support their programs, please let them know about these opportunities. Go to

www.safetboatingcouncil.org to find out how to participate.

The Council's website is another member benefit that you should visit often. Everything from training opportunities, safety programs, grant opportunities and awards programs can be accessed with just a click. If you have kids or interact with kids don't miss the Sidekicks website. This site is the ultimate kid's site. There's an "I'm a Safe Boater" contest going on right now. Kids ages 4 to 15 can enter by telling a story, making a poster or video about what they did to be a safe boater. Money and prizes will be awarded to the winners. "Sidekicks" ball caps can also be ordered and would make wonderful stocking stuffers.

Virgil and his team are already working on next year's North American Safe Boating Campaign. A new focus of the campaign is to target boaters with messages about wearing life jackets in the CA Delta. He is busy coordinating with partners like the CA Dept of Waterways, BoatU.S. Foundation, PCI and others to reach CA boaters with a new life jacket "WEAR It" campaign. Working with partners is something the Council is very good at and in all honesty is what makes the Council so unique. Without our members and partners we wouldn't be able accomplish so many helpful programs.

I am very excited about working with the incredibly talented NSBC Board and staff. We enjoy a very talented and diverse membership and I thank you all for your support and confidence and promise to do my very best to make 2007 a memorable year in boating safety. 🍀



Happy Holidays to all.

Ruth Wood

NOTE: IF ANY NSBC MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE TO AN ISSUE OF THE ANCHORLINE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT OFFICE@SAFEBOATINGCOUNCIL.ORG. THANKS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE NSBC!



SPERRY TOP-SIDER TRIVIA



Congratulations to our previous Top-Sider Trivia winner, Nancy Bolt! Nancy from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department received a pair of shoes courtesy of Sperry Top-Sider for being the first person to send a correct answer to the NSBC. Remember, the first person to send a correct answer to office@safetboatingcouncil.org will receive a pair of Sperry Top-Sider shoes. Good Luck! 🍀

WHEN VERY COLD AIR BLOWS "OFF THE LAND" OVER THE SEA OR A LARGE BODY OF WATER, THE STEAMY FOG THAT FORMS IS NAUTICALLY REFERRED TO AS _____ ?



Last issues question was: "_____ " Construction: A method of boat building in which the side plans are butt together flush and the seams caulked to make a smooth finish? The answer: Carvel.

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