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National Safe Boating Council Announces Pacific Skyline Boy Scout Council as the Boating Safety Youth Award Winners



Manassas, VA (May 12, 2006) –National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Chairman Ed Carter presented the Pacific Skyline Boy Scout Council with the Boating Safety Youth Award at the 10th Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) in Palm Harbor, Florida. Sponsored in part by West Marine, this award recognizes individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented innovative youth boating education programs targeting safety issues and concerns of a national interest.

The Pacific Skyline Boy Scout Council’s “Sea Scout Safety at Sea Weekend” was created out of a desire to improve vessel safety instruction and has grown into the largest Sea Scout maritime safety instruction in the U.S. This hands-on program targets high school aged youth 14 years of age and older to teach them different maritime and vessel safety training such as man overboard recovery, flare training and fire hose instruction.

Boating Safety Youth Award Winners are chosen from eligible programs aimed at students under the age of 18 years with the primary goal of increasing boating safety awareness among youth. The winner receives a trip to IBWSS and a \$2500 grant. The Boating Safety Youth Awards were established by the NSBC, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education. The NSBC is comprised of over 333 national, regional, and local boating and water safety agencies, organizations and corporations that are all committed to boating safety.