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National Safe Boating Council Announces “Safe Boating for Kids” Program as the Boating Safety Youth Award Winner

Manassas, VA (April 19, 2008) –The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) presented the “Safe Boating for Kids” Program with the Boating Safety Youth Award at the 12th Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) in San Diego, CA. Sponsored by BoatUS, 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.

This program is an initiative of the Miles River Sail and Power Squadron, of the United States Power Squadrons, located on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The program is planned for and involves all seventh graders (approximately 300) of the Talbot County Schools, MD, engaging them in hands-on learning activities related to multiple topics critical to boating safety. Multiple community partners have assisted by providing space for training of instructors and authentic waterfront facilities for simulated boating situations. They include the Talbot County YMCA, Chesapeake Maritime Museum, and the Miles River Yacht Club.

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 \$2,500. The Boating Safety Youth Awards were established by the NSBC, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education. The NSBC is comprised of over 350 national, regional, and local boating and water safety agencies, organizations and corporations that are all committed to boating safety.