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NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARDS 2005

Since 1958, the National Safe Boating Council has served as an advocate for boating safety and education, as well as a unifying means for organizations to seek the goal of Safer Boating Through Education. The Council sponsors two annual awards as part of its mission to provide forums for the advancement and support of safe and enjoyable recreational boating. These awards recognize individual and organizational partners in the boating community that create innovative programs aimed at improving boating education.

BOATING EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Coors Brewing Company, the Boating Education Advancement Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented programs to:

- Enhance the image and recognition of boating safety efforts
- Share success stories for the betterment of safe boating
- Create a closer partnership between national, state and local boating educational organizations
- Promote the themes of the National Safe Boating Week campaign
- Provide a platform for recognition of outstanding boating education programs and grassroots boating safety efforts

Two levels of competition are associated with the BEA Awards. Each of the three NASBLA Regions — Southeast, Northern and Western — selects a regional winner. Each regional winner receives a \$1,000 prize, a trip to the annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) and an opportunity to compete for the national award of \$1,500.

Regional award recipients must agree to present a 50-minute session or workshop on their winning program at the IBWSS Education Seminar, at which time the national winner will be selected

by an anonymous panel of judges. Eligible programs should be able to be duplicated and adapted by other interested boating educators.

Congratulations to Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors from the Northern Region, winner of the 2005 National Boating Education Advancement Award with its program Boating Education for People of All Abilities. The program enables participants of all abilities to develop and enhance their outdoor skills, knowledge and environmental ethics. Other regional winners were the Sam Houston Area Council Sea Scout Fleet from the Southeast and Oregon State Marine Board's Jr. Boater Program from the West.



BOATING SAFETY YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD

West Marine sponsors the Boating Safety Youth Program Award. The 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. Eligible programs must integrate safety practices into the program and be aimed at students under the age of 18 years. Selection priority will be given to unique or innovative programs with the primary goal of increasing boating safety awareness among youth. The deadline for submitting award applications is 10 January of each year.

In addition to a beautiful trophy, the winner of this award receives a trip to the IBWSS Summit where he or she will present a session on the award-winning program. Travel, two nights lodging, and subsistence based on federal allowance will be covered for one representative of the award winning project.

The national award also includes a grant in the amount of \$2,500. This grant may be used for the implementation or enhancement of a youth-oriented boating safety program, to purchase necessary safety equipment, audio visual aids,

printing, teaching aids, program promotion and advertisement, rental time of pool or waterfront facilities, transportation costs to on-water sites or other costs associated with the advancement of




the program. Funds may not be used for salaries of instructors or remuneration for volunteers.

The winning program for 2005 was Camp WADE, a three-day camp for kids. The camp is designed to present the theory portion of sailing, kayaking, power boating and personal watercraft operation in conjunction with the required curriculum for the state boating course. Following instruction, students are tested on skills they acquired while on the water.

For complete details about all NSBC awards, application forms, and profiles of past winning entries, visit the National Safe Boating Council website at www.safeboatingcouncil.org. You may also contact the NSBC Headquarters at phone (703) 361-4294, fax (703)361-5294 or:

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We are grateful to Coors Brewing Company and West Marine for their continuing support of these two NSBC competitions. NSBC welcomes the opportunity to encourage and recognize projects that have made lasting contributions to the interest of boating safety. Through the Boating Education Advancement Award and Boating Safety Youth Program Award, NSBC encourages partnerships with boating communities and assists local groups in funding projects that demonstrate our mutual excitement about boating safety and our commitment to Safer Boating through Education. 



RULES FOR SAFE TOWING

1. Make sure all crew on both vessels are wearing life jackets. Always have a knife ready to cut the towline in case of trouble.
2. Never allow your crew near the towline under strain... a broken towline becomes a deadly whip.
3. Never hesitate to refuse a tow when you can't handle it... you could endanger your own boat and crew. Call for salvage boats. Good seamanship is knowing your own limits.

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