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The National Safe Boating Council Inducts Boating Enthusiast, Advocate into Boating Safety Hall of Fame

Ruth Wood of BoatU.S. Foundation Recognized for her Contribution to Boating Safety

San Diego, CA (March 7, 2012) – The National Safe Boating Council is pleased to announce it will induct Ruth Wood into its prestigious Boating Safety Hall of Fame for her many years of dedicated service as the President of BoatU.S. Foundation and other efforts.

Ms. Wood has spent nearly 30 years with BoatU.S. Foundation and, in that time, has advanced boating safety and education across the country. With the support of her staff, the Foundation was the first to develop a nationwide Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids, a toll-free hotline for boating safety courses, EPIRB rental program for offshore boaters and one of the first free Online boating safety courses – to name a few.

She was an early leader in forming working partnerships throughout the boating safety community. In her career, Ms. Wood has served as Chair on the National Safe Boating Council's Board, member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Board of Directors, Underwriters Laboratories PFD Technical Panel, and U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Advisory Council.

“Ruth Wood has been a major leader in the recreational boating community,” remarks Virgil Chambers, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council. “Her dedication and commitment to boating safety is well-respected and admired amongst her colleagues and peers.”

Ms. Wood recently retired from BoatU.S. Foundation in 2011. In her retirement, she enjoys spending time outdoors, enjoying kayaking, hiking and camping, always with her dog Jackie beside her.

The National Safe Boating Council utilizes the Boating Safety Hall of Fame to bring the deserving attention to those individuals that tirelessly and selflessly commit themselves to such a worthy cause and, in turn, making our nation's waterways safer for all to enjoy.

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About the National Safe Boating Council

The National Safe Boating Council represents over 330 U.S. and Canadian organizations committed to reducing boating accidents and enhancing the boating experience. Visit www.SafeBoatingCouncil.org for safe boating resources and campaign materials.