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**National Safe Boating Council Offers Training Opportunities,
Financial Support for Close-Quarters Course**
Boating Safety Professionals, Public Encouraged to Advance Training

Bristow, VA (January 12, 2012) – What is the recipe for success? Try one part ambition, one part training and you get the [National Safe Boating Council's](#) (NSBC) training courses for professionals and the recreational boating public. The NSBC, as part of its mission to promote safer boating through education, outreach, and training, has developed two courses to address growing needs identified amongst professionals and the recreational boating public: Instructor Close-Quarters Boat Control Course and its Boating Safety Instructor Training Course.

“These courses are quintessential for professionals and recreational boaters that spend their time on the water, in a boat,” said Virgil Chambers, executive director of the NSBC. “It doesn’t matter if you work on the water or play on the water, the NSBC’s courses help to advance anyone’s skills and help them in their efforts to boat responsibly.”

The Instructor Close-Quarters Boat Control Course is supported through a U.S. Coast Guard grant and, because of this, is able to assist course attendees with training costs. This course focuses on maneuvers and techniques used for basic boat handling and to control a boat in close quarters, such as docking, coming alongside, backing and turning in a narrow space. The curriculum is presented in an easy-to-follow format. The course will be held on March 1 – 2, 2012, in San Diego, Calif. For more information on financial support to attend the course, contact the NSBC at (703) 361-4294 or office@safeboatingcouncil.org. The deadline to register for this course is February 1, 2012.

The Boating Safety Instructor Training Course partners with the [National Association of State Boating Law Administrators](#) (NASBLA), focusing on the NASBLA Standards by providing the proper interpretation of each standard for instructors who will be teaching course content. The course gives multiple approaches to teach the information with interactive skits and scenarios. This course is intended to aid states, organizations, and interested boaters by having qualified and capable boating education instructors and giving them professional development, growth and recognition. The course will be held on February 29 – March 1, 2012, at the [Hyatt Regency Mission Bay](#) in San Diego, Calif. The deadline to register for this course is February 1, 2012.

“Attendees can expect to learn on an entirely new level with these courses,” comments Emily King, training director of the NSBC. “The curriculum approach for both these courses allows for an easy understanding of often-times complex topics.”

About the National Safe Boating Council

The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) is a national non-profit organization that is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safe boating through education, outreach, and training. The NSBC is comprised of over 330 U.S. and Canadian national, regional, and local boating and water safety agencies, organizations, and corporations all committed to boating safety. To learn more about the National Safe Boating Council and its safe boating resources and campaign materials, visit www.SafeBoatingCouncil.org.

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