

## **RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY AWARDS AND GRANTS**

### **AWARDS - 2007**

#### ***NATIONAL WATER SAFETY CONGRESS***

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/>

**Awards** – There are various levels of awards available from the NWSC.

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/Awards/NWSC%20Award%20Program.htm>

Examples of those whom you may want to consider for awards are marina operators, office personnel, sports writers, wildlife officers, radio or TV station personnel, Coast Guard Auxiliary Units, civic organizations, etc. Only one nomination should be submitted, however, additional submittals may be made in special cases. If two or more are submitted, please prioritize in order of preference for an award.

Award nominations must be submitted to the Regional Vice President by 1 December 2007. These individuals can be located at:

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/Board/Public/Public%20Board%20Info.htm>

#### ***NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL***

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>

**Awards** –

**Boating Safety Hall of Fame** <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/halloffame.htm>

Deadline: May be submitted any time.

The National Safe Boating Council honors individuals who have shown exemplary leadership and performed outstanding service on behalf of safe boating and the council. All are known as true champions of boating safety.

**Boating Safety Youth Award** <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/youth.htm>

Deadline: December 31, 2007

The purpose of the Boating Safety Youth Program Award is to provide a vehicle for recognizing individuals and organizations that have developed and successfully implemented innovative youth boating education programs targeting safety issues and concerns of national interest. The Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatU.S.) sponsors the program and is a member of the NSBC. This award includes a cash prize of \$2500 to be used for the implementation or enhancement of a youth-oriented boating safety program. In addition, the group will receive a beautiful trophy and a trip to the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (Summit). The attendance at the Summit, travel, lodging and subsistence based on the federal allowance will be covered for one representative of the winning program.

**North American Boating Advancement Awards**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/beaa.htm>

The North American Boating Education Advancement Awards are established by the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) to recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and organizations who have developed and implemented new and innovative boating education programs that reach boaters to address some of the major safety concerns of today's vessel operator. The North American Boating Education Advancement Award, sponsored by Coors Brewing Company, will not only reward those groups that have implemented outstanding ideas, but spotlight them so others can benefit from their success as well. This program is designed to give North American recognition to individuals who have developed and conducted innovative programs that address safety for the benefit of all who use the waterways. The 3 regional and Canadian recipients must agree to attend the upcoming International Boating and Water Safety Summit (Summit) to present a session or workshop on their regional award winning program.

Basic cost of travel and attendance at the Summit shall be paid by the NSBC.

#### Two Levels of Awards

1. Each of the three National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' regional organizations (Southeast, North and West) shall select a regional winner from the state applications. The Canadian Safe Boating Council shall select a winner from the Canadian applications.
2. One North American Boating Education Advancement Award winner will be selected from the three regional and Canadian award recipients. This award will be presented at the annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit. Selection shall be based on program content and presentation at the Summit.

Deadlines for the applicants submitted to the boating law administrator in your state depend on region. Please check the NSBC web site for deadlines.

The regional winners receive \$1,000 plus the trip to the Summit and the winner of the North American competition receives an additional \$1,500. All winners receive a beautiful trophy.

#### **Safe boating Sidekicks 2007 Story and Art Contest**

**Deadline: 1 March 2008**

<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsite/06contest-index800.htm>

Event categories can be seen at:

<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsite/06contest-entries.htm>

Prizes can be seen at:

<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsite/06contestprizes.htm>

### **GRANTS**

#### ***BOATUS FOUNDATION***

<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/>

Boating Safety Grant deadline is November 1st, 2007.

The Foundation awards local volunteer organizations up to \$4,000 for the promotion of boating safety education. Over the past 15 years the Foundation has awarded over \$575,000 to local community organizations, yacht clubs, flotillas and squadrons. The Foundation is looking for creative and innovative projects that promote safe boating on your local waterway. Topics can range from literature on the effects of boating under the influence to signs at boat ramps telling users about free vessel safety checks.

Leadership in Boating Safety Outreach Award  
[http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/leadership\\_award.htm](http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/leadership_award.htm)

Grant recipients are eligible for the Leadership in Boating Safety Outreach Award which has a cash award of \$500. Grant recipients may apply for this prestigious award by completing their grant project and providing the grant administrator with a final report in accordance with their contract.

Each year the BoatU.S. Foundation selects local nonprofit organizations to promote boating safety education through our grant program. We are always looking for the most innovative and effective ways to reach people with this message. Each year the Leadership in Boating Safety Outreach Award will go to the group whose project best meets the criteria.

### ***NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL***

#### **OMC Take 'em Boating Grant Program**

<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards/index.htm>

Deadline for submissions: 1 October to 31 December

The OMC endowment shall insure that local youth programs have a source of start-up funds through a grant, judged and administered by the National Safe Boating Council. The client group to be served will be young boaters, kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade age group. A call for grant proposals shall go out annually, and a single entry judged superior would be awarded a nominal sum, basically the endowment minus expenses. The award is one cash grant of up to \$5000 to be used for the enhancement or development of a youth-oriented hands-on boating program.

#### **The Recreational Boating Safety Grant Program –**

This popular program has been discontinued due to failure to be chosen for a Coast Guard non-profit grant.

### ***NATIONAL WATER SAFETY CONGRESS***

Grants –

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/Grants/Grants.htm>

The Congress awards Local Water Safety Council / Grass Roots grants up to \$1,500. The application is at the web address above and must be submitted by 15 December 2007.

### **Applications Now Available for Environmental Grants**

The BoatUS Foundation is looking to fund creative and innovative projects that teach boaters cleaner habits on the water through its 2007 Clean Water Grant Program. The focus topic for 2007 is Marine Debris. All proposals will be considered but those projects aimed at educating boaters about preventing marine debris will receive preference. Up to \$4,000 per group is available to small, local nonprofit organizations conducting educational programs. Past projects have covered topics like pumpout education, pollution prevention, monofilament fishing line recycling, and preventing the spread of aquatic nuisance species. Projects MUST involve educating boaters. Watch for the 2008 Cleanwater Grant application which will come out in the fall of 2007. To read the grant guidelines or download an application, please visit <http://smtpbulk.boatus.net/t?r=3&ctl=2B4A:37D57>.