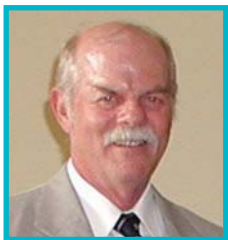


AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR



The entire Council, its members, and indeed the whole recreational boating world, was saddened when we lost Bill Selden, our former Chairman. Our hearts go out to the family. We will miss Bill and his southern charm, experience and sunny disposition. Fair winds and following seas, dear friend.

I would like to report to you what happened at our fall meeting, but I was not there. Hurricane Isabel disrupted the Virginia Beach meeting in September, which postponed the meeting until October. I had plans to attend two meetings in

Canada, so Vice Chair Ed Carter presided at the delayed Annual Membership Meeting.

I would like to point your attention to a new initiative on which our counterparts in Canada are working - mandatory wear of PFD's on boats less than 6 meters (19.5 feet). They have completed a research paper on the subject, which can be viewed on their web site (www.csbc.ca), where you can look at summaries or the entire report. You may know that the National Safe Boating Advisory Committee, a group which advises the Coast Guard on boating matters, also addressed this issue and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is considering a resolution to develop a model legislative act requiring PFD wear on vessels under 21 feet.

At the NSBC Winter Board meeting, we will discuss this topic and write a poll for our membership to consider. We need your reaction to this issue to guide us. This subject is very broad and probably will become a major issue in the near future. I hope you become familiar with the pros and cons because PFD wear will be in the headlines.

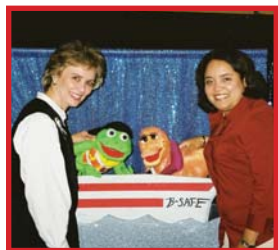
In closing, the boating season is winding down, the water is turning hard - in some parts - and the season for boat shows is upon us. Please visit a boat show this year, they are spectacular! I encourage you to give the manufacturers of the products we all use your support, and get up to date with the newest models and gear.

Have a great holiday season.

Bill Griswold

CHAMPION BOATING EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

The California Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating) believes that if you teach safety to children while they are young, these lessons will serve to protect them throughout their lifetime. That is why in 1993, emphasis was placed on infusing the education program with fresh boating and aquatic safety curriculum materials. The idea of a poster contest was born and Cal Boating initiated *Safe and Wise Water Ways*. Students in the K-8 grade levels are invited to submit artwork depicting safe boating and aquatic themes. Nine statewide winning entries are chosen (one for each grade level) and featured on an annual poster calendar produced and distributed by the Department.



Prizes, acquired through sponsorship, are distributed when Department representatives and their boating and aquatic safety puppet show - *AquaSMART Live!* - personally congratulates the poster contest winners.

This poster contest is a great example of how public and private sectors can partner to benefit the children of the State. As we all work together, boating safety is promoted and our waterways become a safer place to recreate.

Contact Gloria Sandoval at Cal Boating for more information on the program. email: GSANDOVAL@dbw.ca.gov.

The California Department of Boating and Waterways program as described above, was the top prize winner in the 2002 NSBC Boating Education Advancement Award competition sponsored by Coors Brewing Company. We encourage you to submit your program/s for consideration. See the NSBC website: www.safeboatingcouncil.org or call 703-361-4294 for more information.



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