

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMIT – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



The International Boating and Water Safety Summit is in its eleventh year and continues to improve the schedule it offers to the professional and volunteer members of the recreational boating community. The Summit strives to offer a program that will both educate and energize the individuals involved in boating activities from the federal, state and local levels. Agenda highlights for the 2007 Summit include: USCG Office of Boating Safety and National Boating Safety Advisory Council comments on the USCG Strategic Plan for Recreational Boating. There will also be presentations such as “Stopping A Series of Unfortunate Events,” “Moving the Needle on Life Jacket Wear,” “Rental Education,” “Podcasts - Toy or Tool,” “Nobody’s Waterproof,” “Depicting the Accident Process,” “Swift Water Rescue,” “Water Safety for Little Ones,” and many other quality presentations. The On-the-Water activities will be held at Braunig Lake Park and will include demonstrations from Team River Runner (an organization of American veterans from the Iraq War), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

The Summit will be held March 4 – 7, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in historic San Antonio, Texas. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is a few minutes stroll from the San Antonio Riverwalk (three miles of unique shops and restaurants), the Alamo (San Antonio’s first mission), the Tower of the Americas (panoramic view of San Antonio), the Mercado (32 shops patterned after an authentic Mexican market) and La Villita (unique arts and crafts).

The Summit will begin with the Opening Reception on Sunday, March 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The conference will end with the Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Wednesday evening when we will recognize those groups and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to promote boating and water safety within the recreational boating community.

Make it a point to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> International Boating and Water Safety Summit March 3 – 7, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas.

For more information about the Summit visit our web site: <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/summit/index.htm>

## 2006 BOATING SAFETY HALL OF FAME AWARDS

It is a great honor for the National Safe Boating Council to recognize two new members to the NSBC Boating Safety Hall of Fame. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark and Pam Dillon are the 2006 recipients of this prestigious award. The Boating Safety Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals who have shown exemplary leadership and performed outstanding service on behalf of safe boating.

### LT. COL. CHARLIE CLARK



Lt. Col. Clark enjoyed a 29-year career with the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Lt. Col. Clark was given the honor of being appointed by President Bush to serve in certain homeland security and boating capacities. Lt. Col. Clark spent many years advocating boating safety on the state and national levels by pushing for the passage of better laws concerning boating safety. An example was the passage of a mandatory boating education law. His influence in passing boating safety laws and persistence in acquiring funding to benefit boating safety has been of great benefit to boating safety in the state of Louisiana, as well as on the national level. Lt. Col. Clark is a member of several organizations, including the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the National Safe Boating Council and the National Boating Safety Advisory Council. Lt. Col. Clark has also received honors and recognition from organizations such as the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the United States Coast Guard, and the National Safe Boating Council.

### PAM DILLON



For nearly 30 years, Pamela Dillon has been a tremendous advocate for boating safety on the local, state, and national levels. Ms. Dillon is currently serving as executive director for the American Canoe Association (ACA), and has the honor of being the first woman to chair the National Safe Boating Council. On the local and state levels, Ms. Dillon helped to develop the river rescue program, created key educational programs regarding boating safety, and created a boating education grant program for the state of Ohio. On the national level,

Ms. Dillon serves as the executive director of the ACA and is working to expand partnerships with the United States Power Squadrons, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Boy Scouts of America. Ms. Dillon currently serves on the boards of the National Safe Boating Council, the Professional Paddlesports Association, the Future Fisherman Foundation, and the Outdoor Alliance. In 2004, she received a federal appointment to the National Boating Safety Advisory Council. Pamela Dillon has received numerous recognitions and honors from several organizations, including the National Safe Boating Council, the U.S. Coast Guard, the ACA, the National Water Safety Congress, the state of Ohio, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

## THE NSBC ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) elected Ruth Wood as the chairman for the National Safe Boating Council at a general membership meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky on September 24, 2006.

In addition to being the chair of the National Safe Boating Council, Ms. Wood is the president of the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Ms. Wood joined the BoatU.S. team in 1983. She has been instrumental in developing programs to help reduce boating accidents and fatalities as well as increasing the awareness of clean boating practices. Ms. Wood has served on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council and as a member of the Standards Technical Panel for PFDs at Underwriters Laboratories.

Other newly elected NSBC Board members include: Veronica Floyd - Vice Chair (representative from Brunswick Corporation); Jim Richardson - Treasurer (representative from the Lower Colorado River Authority); Joyce Shaw - Secretary (representative from the United States Power Squadron); Monita Fontaine - Member-at-Large (representative from National Marine Manufacturers Association); and Emily King - Member-At-Large (Ohio Department of Natural Resources).

This exceptional group of individuals brings a lot of energy, experience, and enthusiasm to the NSBC and we are looking forward to working with them.

## ED CARTER AND BILL GRISWOLD RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP



Ed Carter served as the Chairman of the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) from 2004 – 2006. In recognition of his service and dedication to not

only the National Safe Boating Council but to the entire recreational boating community, he was presented with a Navy Colt Model 1851 black powder .44 Revolver. Mr. Carter has been involved with boating safety for 34 years through the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. During those 34 years, he has been involved with several boating organizations, has represented the boating safety community internationally, and currently serves on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council.



Bill Griswold served as the past Chair of the National Safe Boating Council from 2004 – 2006. Mr. Griswold was presented with the NSBC silver burgee

in acknowledgment of his commitment to the NSBC and the recreational boating community. As a former officer in the United States Coast Guard and a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Mr. Griswold has been involved with boating safety for over 50 years.