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National Safe Boating Council Announces Lake Metro Parks as the National Boating Education Advancement Award Winners



Manassas, VA (May 12, 2006) –National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Chairman Ed Carter and Coors Brewing Company Representative Deanna Rice presented Lake Metro Parks with the Northern and National Boating Education Advancement Award (BEAA) at the 10th Annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Palm Harbor, Florida. Sponsored by Coors Brewing Company, the BEAA awards are given out annually to recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and organizations that have developed and implemented new and innovative boating education programs that reach out to boaters and address some of the major safety concerns of today's vessel operator.

Lake Metro Parks was chosen as the Northern and National BEAA winner for their comprehensive boating education program that teaches boating to all ages and abilities in many different types of watercraft. Using costumed characters, games and many other creative teaching techniques, the “Boating and Safety Education Program” has become the number one program in the state of Ohio.

National Boating Education Advancement Award Winners are selected from the three regional (Northern, Southern, Western) and Canadian award recipients. Regional winners receive an award and \$1500. The National Award Winner is presented with an award and \$2500 at the annual International Boating and Water Safety Summit. The BEAA Awards were established by the NSBC, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education. The NSBC is comprised of over 333 national, regional, and local boating and water safety agencies, organizations and corporations that are all committed to boating safety.