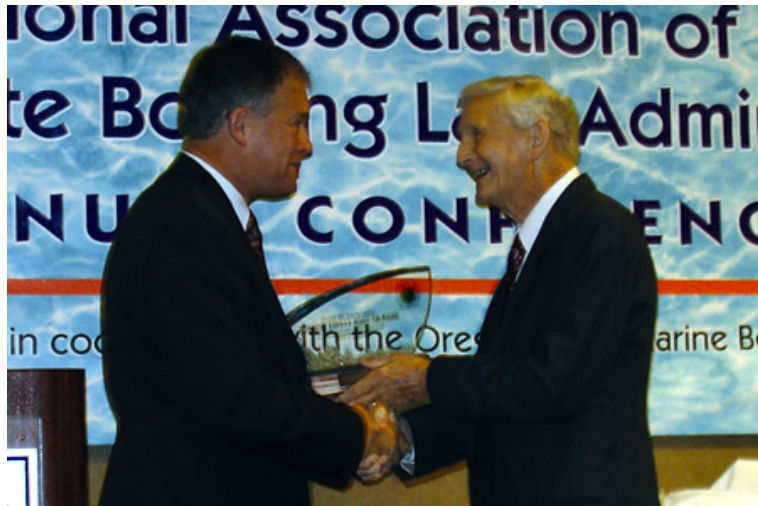


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**Former BLA for Alabama inducted into National Safe Boating Council
Boating Safety Hall of Fame**



Ed Carter and Bill Garner

Portland, OR – Former Alabama BLA William Garner was inducted into the National Safe Boating Council Boating Safety Hall of Fame at the 46th Annual National Association of State Boating Law Administrator conference awards ceremony in Portland, OR. Bill Garner has been an active and involved member of boating safety for over 40 plus years, serving the industry in many different capacities and contributing to the growth and development of essential safe boating initiatives. His dedication of much of his life and career to law enforcement and marine safety, and his devotion towards improving the recreational boating experience make him an excellent candidate for the NSBC Boating Safety Hall of Fame.

Mr. Garner began his career in boating safety as an enforcement officer, continuing on to become the Boating Law Administrator for the state of Alabama, a position he held for close to 30 years. While at this position, he became a key figure in boating safety within the NASBLA organization. He has served as president of the Southern States BLA association, president of NASBLA and has been active in a number of different capacities on various committees during his time at NASBLA. Mr. Garner has also been involved with a variety of other boating safety organizations such as the United State Coast Guard Boating Safety Advisory Committee and the Marine Engineering Council.

In addition to his involvement and commitment to boating safety organizations, Bill Garner was instrumental in instituting an engine cut-off switch law in Alabama. He recommended legislation to require boat operator's license and increased penalties for boating under the influence violations, both of which have resulted in a significant reduction of state boating fatalities. His outstanding contributions and enthusiasm for boating safety have contributed greatly to the field of boating safety.

The National Safe Boating Council Boating Safety Hall of Fame honors those individuals who have shown exemplary leadership and performed outstanding lasting service on behalf of the boating safety community. Those inducted into this prestigious Hall of Fame have contributed significantly to the advancement of safe boating across the continent. All are known are true champions of boating safety.