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Hurricane Katrina: Partners Working Together In Crisis

These are excerpts from a few of the stories coming through NASBLA. Thanks to Kim Hermes for sharing the information and helping us to stay up to date with our boating and water safety "families." Our deepest admiration to all those involved in any manner in the relief efforts.

First, some good news from the NASBLA office: On September 1st we heard that Kevin Kelly, RBS Specialist for the 8th Coast Guard District, and his family are ok. His home in Biloxi is ok. His garage took a hit – both cars were hit by a tree – but he was able to use one to drive to South Carolina where he is staying with family. Also, Tennessee BLA Ed Carter finally located former Louisiana BLA Charlie Clark on September 6th. Charlie and his family are fine as well. Ed says Charlie is back in uniform for a short while and jumping in with everybody else. His house has some roof damage but is otherwise fine.

Many state agencies have, or are presently, sending officers and boats to the affected areas in need. Those states assisting include Texas, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Arizona - and there are many others. Some, like Iowa, Delaware (and others) are preparing to send teams down to relieve those who have already been there working.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Texas Game Wardens are returning from assisting with search and rescue efforts for Hurricane Katrina. The last 53 wardens (with their State equipment) began to work their way back to their duty stations across Texas, Thursday, September 8. A total of 111 wardens served in Louisiana. The wardens worked long days and operated mostly without communications the first few days. They rescued approximately 4,940 hurricane victims, primarily by

airboats and flat bottom boats with small (+/-25) hp engines. The wardens were required to decontaminate equipment, clothing and personal items. They will be attending counseling sessions and de-briefings when they return home. They logged some 7,000 hours in this effort, working mostly with officers of the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and the New Orleans Police Department.

Arizona has already sent several hundred personnel from state, local and county law enforcement and fire agencies, and members from the Arizona National Guard. The AZ Game and Fish Department is on the relief team schedule and will be providing 10 two-man patrol boat teams either this week or the next for a 20 day deployment, planning to be self-sufficient for those 20 days.

September 6, 2005 Frankfort, KY-23
KY. Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources law enforcement officers detailed to assist Louisiana officials with Hurricane Katrina rescue and relief efforts may soon be returning home. Louisiana Fish and Game Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze says the water is finally flowing out of the flooded city and the mission will be shifting from



Officer Eric Gantt (left) of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Det. Ryan Lubrano of the New Orleans Police Department evacuate a 6-year-old onto a waiting boat on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Her 2-year-old brother nervously peers out from the front door of their home.

Photo Credit: Bernard Weill/Toronto Star

NWSC Awarded 4 USCG Grants

The U.S. Coast Guard, through The Wallop Breaux Trust Fund, provides funds to assist organizations to promote boating safety activities. **Our thanks** to the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Boating Safety for providing grant money for 2006!

For 2006, the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Boating Safety has provided the following to the NWSC:

- ▲ \$15,000 for Grassroots Grants for Local Safety programs
- ▲ \$35,000 for Partnership Grants
- ▲ \$63,000 for Youth Education (Spirit of America)
- ▲ \$127,000 for Barge Lighting Test Grant

Applications for the 2006 grassroots grant opportunities are now available on our website www.watersafetycongress.org under "Councils" (left side of our home page).

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Cecilia Duer

First of all and most importantly, a very special acknowledgement of and thank you to all of our partners throughout the United States, Canada, and to all of our international partners, for their combined efforts in hurricane relief projects over the past two months. Members of our own Board as well as many others from our partnering organizations have traveled away from home to participate in hurricane relief efforts. Keep safe and know that we are thinking of all of you and admire your long hours dedicated to changing and renewing the lives of those in need.

Along with hurricane season, the change in our weather reminds me that we need to continue to educate the public about the inherent dangers associated with cold water/ice. I know that Lake Erie is getting cooler every day, today's temperature is 66°.

There is great new information available for cold water/ice safety education. Most of those materials will be presented in an all day POST SUMMIT course on Thursday, May 4, 2006, in Palm Harbor, Florida. The class fee is \$50.00. Registration for this class will be available through our web site: www.watersafetycongress.org. Keep in mind that the cold water immersion/ice safety class can also be presented to you in your own areas.

Speaking of the Summit ... the upcoming 2006 Summit will be held in Palm Harbor Florida at the Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort. Scholarships are still available. Applications are on line on our web site, under "Summit."

At the annual fall meeting we agreed to re-evaluate the mission statement, strategic plan and by-laws. As these important materials are modified and approved you will see them on line on our web page and we will update you through this Journal as well.

We will be kicking off our annual membership campaign in late December. Corporate members will be contacted as will individual and organizational members. This coming year, while all those who attend the Summit will be considered "honorary members," only those participating in the membership drive by paying dues to the Congress will be eligible to vote.

Please see the information about our corporate sponsors in this issue of the Journal. Special thanks go to Corporate Sponsor **Mercury Marine** for their continued support of this Journal.

Grass roots grant applications for our 2006 grant program. Applications are available on line under "Councils" on our site and are due by January 15, 2006

Also, available on line are the VERY IMPORTANT awards applications. Please see the awards section of the web site for your nomination forms and more information about the different awards that are offered. Get them in early to your Regional Vice Presidents, also listed on the web site.

A note of appreciation for a Board member, a personal mentor and a dear friend of mine, Ken Alvey. Ken has resigned his position as Chief of the ODNR Division of Watercraft effective October 31, 2005. I have known Ken since 1995 when we opened Spirit of America in Ohio. We all wish Ken, Kathy, and their family, all the very best as they chart new waters. I am sure we will still be seeing a great deal of Ken in the Lake Erie region. (Maybe he will even find time to go for a sail now!)

You will also note that the Congress is accepting nominations for new Board members.

Stay well and SAFE! We will see you in Florida in April!

We would love to hear from you. Please send your thoughts, suggestions, or questions to us. You can contact us through the website www.watersafetycongress.org, or by calling the office at (440) 209-9805.



Call For Nominations

The National Water Safety Congress is currently accepting Nominations for its Board of Directors for its next election in April 2006. Board members serve for a two-year period and are expected to attend a fall Board meeting and a spring meeting held in conjunction with the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS), and are expected to cover their travel expenses. If you are interested in serving on the Board and would like additional information please contact Joe Morgan, Chair, Membership Committee, at 202-502-6377. To be a candidate for election, submit a one-page resume to joseph.morgan@ferc.gov.

NWSC is looking for Award Nominations between now and the end of the year. Please visit our web site: www.watersafetycongress.org for more information about the awards and the awards process. Applications are also available on line. All awards are presented during the 2006 International Boating and Water Safety Summit.

• **NATIONAL AWARD:** One (1) presented annually

• **REGIONAL AWARD:** Six are presented annually

• **AWARD OF MERIT:** Thirty awards are selected from nominees

NOTE: In reviewing the above types of awards special consideration will be given for heroism, rescue, or activities above and beyond or outside the scope of their duties as well as the originality, timeliness and overall effort to the nominee's program or activity.

• **LETTER OF COMMENDATION:** Thirty Letters are presented annually

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Coors Brewing

Coors Brewing Company wants drunk drivers off the road – and off the water. Coors is a corporate sponsor of the National Water Safety Congress. Coors also supports the efforts of the National Safe Boating Council and sponsors the National Boating Education Advancement Awards. These awards are given to recognize the outstanding efforts of organizations that have developed and implemented new and innovative boating education programs.

Boat Ed

Innovative education solutions for your state.

Personal Watercraft Industry Association

Founded in 1987 as an affiliate of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association – representing all four U.S. personal watercraft manufacturers – has a simple mission: ensuring that personal watercraft (PWC) and personal watercraft users are treated fairly when local, state, and federal government officials consider boating regulations. PWIA supports and actively advocates for reasonable regulations, strong enforcement of boating and navigation laws, and mandatory boating

safety education for all PWC operators. www.pwia.org

Georgia Power

Georgia Power is the largest subsidiary of Southern Company, one of the nation's largest generators of electricity. The company is an investor-owned, tax-paying utility with rates below the national average. It's network of 14 generating plants and 17 hydroelectric dams are spread across the state, providing low-cost, reliable electricity to 2 million customers in all but six of Georgia's 159 counties. Georgia Power owns and operates lakes and recreational facilities in the Northeastern, Central and Western regions of the state with public access to activities. The company encourages visitors to learn more about water and boating safety. For information about its lakes and recreation facilities: www.georgiapower.com/gplake.

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Special thanks to the rest of our Corporate Sponsors who we will feature in a future issue:

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- Opportunity for input into national, state, and local legislation with support of the national organization.
- Access to the expertise of water safety professionals across the country.
- Opportunity to develop international contacts with water safety professionals from other countries.

U.S. Coast Guard Teams Up with Hunting Expert Wade Bourne to Take Aim at Boating Safety on the Water



by John M. Malatak
Chief, Program Operations Division
U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating
Safety

Hunters all over the country are gearing up for colder weather and their sport of choice: waterfowl hunting. This year, the U.S. Coast Guard is asking these sportsmen to scope out more than just ducks on the water. We're asking them to keep their sights on another target – boating safety.

According to statistics, approximately one-third of all boating accident fatalities are hunters or anglers. In order to effectively reach this vulnerable audience, the U.S. Coast Guard is teaming up with veteran hunter and TV personality Wade Bourne on a public awareness campaign designed to promote the U.S. Coast Guard's national boating safety initiative, "You're in Command. Boat Responsibly!"

Our research has shown that among the best ways to effect change in boater behavior is to speak to them through their favorite experts and sport personalities. We're fortunate to partner with someone like Wade, who carries a great deal of authority and respect among hunting enthusiasts.

Co-host of television's premiere waterfowl show on Ducks Unlimited TV (featured on the Outdoor Life Network) and an author of five books offering expert advice on hunting and fishing, Wade says he is lending his name to the effort because he feels too many outdoorsmen take boating safety for granted. To quote Wade, "Accidents can happen anytime and anywhere, and most often when you least expect them. You don't know when you might step off in that hole or when the boat will hit a stump and flip over."

In order to maximize our reaching out to hunting enthusiasts, the Coast Guard's public awareness campaign includes a comprehensive menu of promotional tools such as thirty-second television and radio public service announcements, a print public service announcement, a waterfowl hunting "tips" brochure, and a video news release, all featuring Wade

Bourne. Many of the elements of these pieces were shot in Wade's home state of Tennessee (as a University of Tennessee grad, I liked him immediately!) Bourne will also participate in a Radio Tour which will allow him to communicate important "You're in Command" safety messages to hunters through various outdoors and sports shows on national, regional and local radio shows. The campaign will kick off during the month of October, with several pieces set to air and print throughout the fall and winter months.

A Loaded Barrel – Of Boating Safety Tips!

As in past campaigns that targeted anglers and paddlers, this newest effort focuses on the key elements of the "You're in Command, Boat Responsibly" initiative. The campaign emphasizes the importance of wearing a life jacket at all times while on the water. Coast Guard statistics indicate that 90% of boating fatality victims in 2004 were *not* wearing life jackets. Although the total number of fatalities resulting from a boating accident has dropped in recent years, these statistics serve to remind us that we still have more a lot more educating to do.

Having spent years on the water, Wade, too, is convinced of the value of continued boating safety promotion and education. During a recent conversation with him he stated, "I know people who have life jackets in the boat, but they're in a hurry to get out to the blind, or get out to that spot where they see ducks working, and they just don't take time to put them on."

In addition to life jacket wear, Wade also emphasizes a few safety precautions that, from his years of hunting experience, are often overlooked on the water. For example, he advises against overloading your boat, a common mistake made by hunters used to boating with bags of decoys, a partner and - of course - their dog on board (Wade's own dog, "Andy Jackson" is a constant companion). On this point, the Coast Guard recommends that hunters (and all boaters) check their boats' capacity

plates. This plate clearly indicates the suggested maximum weight (in pounds) that the boat can accommodate. Additionally, the Coast Guard advises boaters to distribute the weight evenly throughout the boat from front to back and side to side.

Another safety tip that Wade stresses in our campaign is the value of a survival kit. "I'm a big believer in a survival kit and I take it with me on every hunt." Wade's list of "most wanted" survival kit items include: matches and other devices to start a fire, flares, a VHF radio, space blanket and cell phone.

Celebrities "Shoot" for Increased Boating Safety Awareness

Wade Bourne joins a cadre of other celebrity partners in promoting the "You're in Command, Boat Responsibly" initiative, including NASCAR's Labonte Family; whitewater kayaker and 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist Rebecca Giddens; Emmy-nominated actor and boating enthusiast John Amos; and legendary angler Bill Dance. All are boating enthusiasts with an eye towards keeping recreational boating the fun, enjoyable and safe exhilarating pastime that it is for millions of American families.

Through continued media and outreach initiatives, the U.S. Coast Guard is committed to promoting these safety messages to the approximately 78 million recreational boaters throughout the country. You can do your part by passing this article along to any hunters or anglers you may know to remind them of the importance of prioritizing safety on the water. Together, we can reduce the number of boating-related fatalities and make sure that boating remains what it is intended to be – a safe, enjoyable and most treasured American pastime.

To find out how you can help, and for more information about boating safety, visit www.uscgboating.org, or call the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline, 1-800-368-5647.

See a special presentation to John Malatak on page 6 of this Journal!

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water rescue to recovery. "I can't begin to say how much we appreciate all the help," said LaCaze. "Your officers have been tremendous. We now have a large military and National Guard presence. In another day or so their big trucks will be able to drive most of the streets." The Kentucky officers began working flooded areas of New Orleans Sunday after answering a call from Louisiana officials. They immediately began the painstaking task of rescuing New Orleans residents stranded in their homes and on rooftops when levees protecting low-lying areas breached under Katrina's torrential rains. "Our guys were able to get 75 out the first day," said detail commander Captain Clark Boggs. "We rescued 31 and a horse the next day. We've taken well over a hundred people to safety and dry land," said the 30-year KDFWR veteran. "We carried out one 90-year-old lady on a stretcher, and another man who weighed more than 500 pounds." Boggs said the rescues included one mandatory evacuation because "the whole block was on fire. There were hot embers falling on us, down our backs, getting inside our vests. The guys from Louisiana Fish and Game are wore out."

New York is pitching in as well.

Governor George E. Pataki today announced additional New York National Guard missions and the assignment of New York State Police specialists in the State's effort to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. "New Yorkers are generous, compassionate people who stand ready to help our friends and neighbors in the Gulf Coast."

"We're proud to be able to repay the kindness and support we received after 9/11," Governor Pataki said. "The men and women of the New York National Guard are working valiantly, along with scores of State employees to help our friends and neighbors in the stricken Gulf Coast states." More than 170 Army and Air National Guard personnel, including aircrews and para-rescue personnel, and 28 aircraft are supporting Hurricane Katrina recovery operations.

The Governor announced the Guard's current missions include:

The 106th Rescue Wing from Westhampton Long Island has 19 air crew members, six para-rescue jumpers, two HH-60 Pavehawk helicopters and two C-130 Hercules on station to support ongoing Search and Rescue support in Mississippi.

The 109th Air Wing from Scotia today

launched three C-130 Hercules to airlift personnel, vehicles, equipment and supplies to Hattiesburg, MS and New Orleans.

A C-5A Galaxy from the 105th Air Wing in Newburgh is on station at Pease Air Force Base, NH in preparation for an airlift mission to bring relief personnel and materials to Alexandria, LA.

The 107th Refueling Wing will launch C-135 tanker from Puerto Rico to Louisiana.

In the near future, the following missions are expected:

The New York Army National Guard will launch on order eight UH 60 Blackhawks, two UH-1Victor-model Medevac helicopters, and two CH 47 Chinook helicopters with aircrews and support personnel for self-sustained operations in Jackson, MS.

The 105th Air Wing will conduct additional heavy lift missions to bring emergency supplies and equipment to the stricken region, and support the movement of New York Army National Guard personnel and equipment aboard a C-5A.

A ground convoy of NYARNG personnel and vehicles will depart as part of the aviation task force for Jackson, MS.

The 109th Air Wing from Scotia will launch four additional C-130 Aircraft to conduct airlift missions to bring materials and supplies to Mississippi and Air National Guard Aeromedical personnel to New Orleans. A total of seven C-130s from the 1209th will be performing missions.

Twelve New York State disaster specialists are on the ground and working in the hard-hit Jackson County, Mississippi. The State and local employees are specialists in managing the various aspects of response and recovery including command, operations, planning and logistics. Also through EMAC, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority dispatched 100 buses to help hurricane victims in Louisiana.

California has sent disaster search teams, a PWC team of EMS and enforcement people as well as SAR people.

From Ray Tsuneyoshi, California BLA: As with the rest of the country, everyone is scrambling to help. Here in Sacramento, we are haunted by the thought of our Delta's miles and miles of levees which have not been properly maintained for decades behind which communities are feverishly building more and more homes. Also, a significant part of the country's fruit, vegetable and rice crop is grown.

Officer Eric Gantt of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources fastens a life jacket around a 2-year-old tot after helping rescue him from his home in a flooded neighborhood.



Photo Credit: Bernard Weil/Toronto Star

Thank Heaven we don't have Hurricanes but I'm told a good 7.0 Richter event would have a similar effect on the levees.

Commercial folks step in too...

Immediately after the New Orleans flooding began, **Kawasaki** was contacted by a FEMA team of Swift Water Rescue / Urban Search and Rescue specialists from the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. These guys are among the pioneers in use of PWCs, and have had a long association with Kawasaki. They and their emergency truck were being airlifted to the area (they did not know at the time exactly where). They were not able to take their PWCs with them, and called to inquire if they could obtain PWCs once they landed. Fortunately, we were able to secure from a dealer two 3-person PWCs and a 2-place trailer. These units have been in service in New Orleans since August 30. The LAFD team will probably rotate out of their assignment. Kawasaki is open to the possibility of transferring the 2 PWCs and the trailer to another agency for their use.

On Wednesday, August 31, the Louisiana Governor's office as well as the office of Rep. Baker reached out to **NMMA** and asked us to help facilitate the procurement of low-draft boats for rescue efforts in New Orleans. We (NMMA), as an organization, responded quickly and without hesitation. NMMA proud to say that we had nearly 100 member companies offer the services of their boats and other equipment. This response speaks highly of our members' compassion and resolve to help their fellow citizens.

Even though some of our members were able to contribute their goods and services, many more were not. We stand ready to assist the State and Federal governments with their relief efforts if they need our help. We will inform our members should that request be made to us. The Governor's Office, the USCG and other officials with whom we have been in touch all have received the list of NMMA companies offering assistance and have expressed their gratitude at the

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NEWS

FROM NWSC PARTNERS

NSBC

Boating Safety Sidekicks presents "Expect the Unexpected"

The National Safe Boating Council's Boating Safety Sidekicks has expanded from their traditional educational booklets and activities, to now offer an entertaining and informative DVD entitled "Expect the Unexpected." This 7+ minute animated feature is concise and entertaining for families, classrooms, and boating groups. The Sidekicks video takes characters and tips that are present throughout the booklets and applies them to this movie to provide an interactive and educational tool that can be used to teach kids the importance of boating safety. The DVD comes with a presentation guide to help you set up and teach a boating safety presentation.

These videos are not offered for resale, but are available as a single copy and in bulk, for secondary distribution. The price per packaged DVD is \$5.00, which covers shipping costs. To order this DVD, please contact the National Safe Boating Council at (703) 361-4294 or via email at office@safeboatingcouncil.org. You may also go to www.boatingsidekicks.com to see a short clip of this feature.

NTSB

The National Transportation Safety Board voted on September 20, 2005, to keep recreational boating safety on the Board's MOST WANTED Transportation Safety Improvements list for 2005-2006. The specific areas that the Board seeks State improvements are:

- Require mandatory education of boat operators.
- Require use of life jackets by children.
- Require safety instruction prior to personal watercraft rental.

Currently, only 5 States remain without a State requirement for use of life jackets by children (IA, WI, VA, NM, and WY). Minnesota completed action this year. Wisconsin has an active legislative initiative. In the area of mandatory education, 18 States remain on the Safety Board's list. Six States considered legislation. Washington State enacted legislation and Massachusetts and Wisconsin still are considering legislation.

Further, the Board's 2004 Public Forum on Personal Flotation Devices in Recreational Boating resulted in a number of draft safety recommendations which have been approved by the Directors of the Board. The next action includes review and approval of the Board's Presidential members. This is expected within the next few months.

Boating Safety Champion John Malatak Inducted into Boating Safety Hall of Fame

Manassas, VA - John Michael Malatak was honored on Saturday, September 10, 2005, for his commitment, hard work and dedication to boating safety as he was inducted into the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Boating Safety Hall of Fame. Mr. Malatak has been an extremely active and involved participant of boating safety for over 35 years and has made a lasting impression on many different boating organizations. His involvement in the development of national boating safety programs has been widely recognized by many different boating safety organizations. Mr. Malatak's contributions and commitment to the field of boating safety make him an exceptional choice for the NSBC Boating Safety Hall of Fame.



Congratulations John from NWSC!

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overwhelming generosity of the industry.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has been more than active in the relief efforts. Their response activities have included everything from sending in medical professionals with the USCGA to assisting FEMA as community relations team members under the disaster Assistance Employee program and creating Operation Life Ring. For more information visit: <http://www.auxpa.org/pressroom.php>
As of September 27, 2005, the Coast

Guard Auxiliary Association received \$38,600 through Operation Life Ring donations, and are receiving generous donations from individual members, personal trusts, Auxiliary Districts, Divisions and Flotillas who desire to help their fellow members of the Coast Guard family in need.

In the next Water Safety Journal we will be highlighting the outstanding efforts of the USACE, USCG, and USCGAux.

NEW 2004 Boating Statistics Available

The new 2004 boating statistics report has been released by the U.S. Coast Guard. A full copy of the report is available at www.uscgboating.org.

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FOREWORD excerpt from J.M. HASS, U.S. Coast Guard
Acting Director of Operations Policy

Boating Statistics 2004, the 46th annual report, contains statistics on recreational boating accidents, and State and Coast Guard boat numbering activities. This publication is a result of the coordinated effort of the Coast Guard and those jurisdictions which have Federally approved boat numbering systems. These include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and all States.

Boating Statistics 2004 may be copied freely in the interest of boating safety.

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