

Sea Scouts Win Safety Award

The National Safe Boating Council named the Sea Scout Safety at Sea Weekend this year's winner of its Boating Safety Youth Program Award.

The award recognizes this innovative and fun way to train youth in a wide variety of boating safety skills that Sea Scout leaders in the San Francisco Bay area developed in 1993. In partnership with U.S. Coast Guard Station Yuerba Buena, the program provides hands-on training in eight concurrent sessions, ranging from the use of fire-fighting equipment to man-overboard drills.

Two years ago Sea Scout units in the Chesapeake Bay region replicated the program with the Coast Guard at its Curtis Bay Yard near Baltimore and this summer Sea Scouts in the Gulf Coast will participate in the second Safety at Sea Weekend in Galveston, TX. A fourth is in the planning stages for South Florida.

The award, presented to the Pacific Skyline Boy Scout Council at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Palm Harbor, FL May 4, included a \$2,500 cash prize from West Marine to further develop the program.

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