

**Call for Presentations**  
**2012 International Boating & Water Safety Summit**

The 16th International Boating & Water Safety Summit (Summit) will be held in San Diego, California, on March 4 – 7, 2012. We invite you to become a presenter at the Summit and share your experiences and knowledge.

**The Summit**

The National Safe Boating Council and the National Water Safety Congress will host the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Boating & Water Safety Summit in San Diego, California, from March 4 – 7, 2012. The Summit is the premier boating and water safety education and training conference and will serve as the national forum to implement the Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program (Strategic Plan). Having the most current boating and water safety information available is one of the keys to creating an environment that promotes the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan’s mission is “To ensure the public has a safe, secure and enjoyable recreational boating experience by implementing programs that minimize the loss of life, personal injury and property damage while protecting the environment and assisting in national security efforts.”

The Summit will provide training and education using the objectives and strategies of the Strategic Plan to implementing partners and other boating and water safety professionals and volunteers. There will be general sessions and breakout tracks on education, law enforcement, outreach and communication, paddlesport safety, risk management and accident prevention, and waterways management. This information will be presented in both the classroom and in hands-on/ in the water settings. All attendees may participate. These presentations should showcase the programs that are supporting the Strategic Plan. Pre and post conference training workshops will also be available. The Summit is expected to attract more than 400 boating and water safety professionals and volunteers from organizations across the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Pacific Rim.

This is your opportunity to help shape the Summit program to better meet your professional training and development needs and to showcase elements of your program or project that will directly benefit the Summit participants while highlighting the Strategic Plan objectives and strategies. Please use this form to indicate your interest in offering a presentation at the Summit in either a general session or a breakout session. The deadline for submitting this form and your original proposal is August 31, 2011. If your presentation is selected during our initial review, you will be contacted to provide additional information.

**The Audience**

The Summit’s multi-track program aims to provide information, education and training to support professional and organizational development priorities to groups and individuals working in areas of recreational boating and water safety. The audience for the Summit will be comprised of representatives from boating and water safety advocacy groups, including national and international government or non-government agencies; boating and safety education organizations; college and university aquatic education programs and boating safety equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

**The Program**

Ideally, presentations should support the Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety Program (Please see [http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/Page/National RBS Strategic Plan.pdf](http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/Page/National_RBS_Strategic_Plan.pdf) to review the Strategic Plan) in one or more of the following six subject areas in boating and water safety:

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| Education                               | Law Enforcement      |
| Outreach and Communication              | Paddlesport Safety   |
| Risk Management and Accident Prevention | Waterways Management |
| Outdoor In and On Water Breakouts       |                      |

## **Types of Presentations**

Individual speakers or panels may give presentations. Breakout sessions are designed to be approximately forty minutes in length with an additional ten to fifteen minutes allocated for a question and answer session, which should address one of the track topics listed. General sessions are designed to be a maximum of fifty minutes in length and address all conference attendees. Outdoor sessions will last one hour and fifteen minutes which includes fifteen minutes for questions and clean up.

## **Selection Criteria**

Proposals are competitively selected on the basis of the information submitted with this application. Applications which directly support the Strategic Plan objectives and strategies will be given precedence. However, all boating and water safety proposals will be reviewed for presentation potential. Your submission should include a completed application form, abstract (minimum one hundred words giving a detailed outline of the presentation including goals and target audience) and resumes of all speakers/panelists.

## **Submission Procedures**

1. Complete the attached application – please print or type.
2. Submit an abstract in narrative form in a Word Document – at least one hundred words in length. Also include a detailed presentation outline and please indicate if you have made this presentation before and at what venue.
3. Submit a biography on presenter(s) in narrative form in a Word Document. The biography should be 200+/- words in length.
4. If you plan a panel format, submit a complete list of all speakers with a biography for each panelist. Limit panels to three speakers. The panel moderator/chair should be identified as well.
5. If you would like to submit a proposal for more than one session, submit a separate application for each session.

The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2011. Applicants will be notified of proposal selection not later than November 2011. Accepted proposals will require submission of a copy of the presentation for use in the 2011 *Summit Program and Proceedings*. If you have questions, please call the office of the National Safe Boating Council at (703) 361-4294 or the office of the National Water Safety Congress at (440) 209-9805.

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 31, 2011**

Please complete this form and mail your submission to:  
International Boating & Water Safety Summit  
C/O National Safe Boating Council  
P.O. Box 509  
Bristow, VA 20136

Phone / NSBC: 703-361-4294/FAX: 703-361-5294

Or Phone / FAX / NWSC: 440.209.9805

You may also e-mail the document to: [office@safeboatingcouncil.org](mailto:office@safeboatingcouncil.org) or  
[Director@watersafetycongress.org](mailto:Director@watersafetycongress.org)

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**Presentation Application Form  
2012 International Boating & Water Safety Summit**

Each presenter must complete this form and return this form with all requested materials by  
**August 31, 2011**

Please complete this form and mail your submission to:  
Program Coordinator- National Safe Boating Council / National Water Safety Congress  
P.O. Box 509  
Bristow, VA 20136

**Presenter Information**

Name & Title:		
Organization:		
Address:		
City:	State/Province:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
E-Mail address:		

Please attach a copy of your current resume with this application.

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**Presentation Information**

Suggested Track: ___ Education ___ Law Enforcement ___ Outreach & Communication ___ Paddlesport Safety ___ Risk Management & Accident Prevention ___ Waterways Management		
Presentation Title:		
Type of Presentation:	Individual:	Panel:
Relates to Strategic Plan Objective and/or Strategy number (s):		Does not directly relate:
If panel, names and titles of other presenters – limit 3:		
Have you given the presentation previously at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit or another meeting?		
Name of group and date of previous presentation?		

Interested in presentation only

Interested in registering for the conference – please send me additional information

Interested in becoming an implementing partner of the Strategic Plan – please send me additional information

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Signature

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Date

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED YOUR PRESENTATION ABSTRACT?  
HAVE YOU INCLUDED YOUR PRESENTER RESUME?**