

## **Nonprofit Organization Grants:**

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety  
Recreational Boating Safety

Federal Grant Title:	National Non-Profit Organization Grant Program
Federal Agency:	United States Coast Guard
Funding Opportunity Number:	DHS-USCG-2022-001
Type of Funding:	Cooperative Agreement
CFDA Numbers:	97.012
CFDA Descriptions:	Boating Safety Financial Assistance

Grantee: National Safe Boating Council (NSBC)  
Grant Number: 70Z02322MO0005084  
Grant Title: International Boating and Water Safety Summit  
Period of Performance: 3 year grant

Award Amount: \$200,000.00

### **Summary:**

The National Safe Boating Council, Inc. (NSBC) will develop and produce the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) – an annual, national networking and education symposium for those involved in boating and open water safety. This engaging and affordable symposium will bring together recreational boating safety partners, boating and water safety professionals, volunteers, and others from the boating community to network, share experiences, and learn about safe boating through general sessions, breakouts, workshops, networking, and training. This was awarded as a three-year grant program to ensure a comprehensive symposium experience.

Working with partners, the NSBC will provide an affordable symposium with an exceptional program for attendees to learn, network, and incorporate strategies into their own boating safety programs around the nation. Programming will support the National Recreational Boating Safety Program and provide an opportunity to learn about the latest in boating and water safety. It will also offer grant recipients the opportunity to present results and hold planning sessions as appropriate. The NSBC will secure sponsors and exhibitors to help keep registration costs low for the attendees. Attendee feedback will guide the symposium program for the following year and seek to understand the long-term impact of the IBWSS.

With the surge in recreational boating, never has there been a more important time to provide an affordable forum for boating and water safety advocates to collaborate and partner to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the growing boating public. In 2021, the U.S. Coast Guard counted 4,439 accidents involving 658 deaths, 2,641 injuries, and approximately \$67.5 million

dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. IBWSS aims to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and deaths on our waterways by equipping attendees with the strategy, knowledge, and resources to make a difference in their communities. This symposium also plays a valuable role in networking and mentoring among those in the recreational boating safety community. It is projected that the IBWSS will draw a varied audience of representatives of national and international non-governmental and regulatory organizations.

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