

**Aquatic Center Grant Application Informational Handout  
National Safe Boating Week**

In conjunction with the annual National Safe Boating Week (NSBW), the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is offering grant funds with the objective of encouraging aquatic centers to participate in this week to increase public knowledge of boating safety AND to encourage both adults and children to take boating safety courses, either written or on water. *Events should coincide with the NSBW dates published by the National Safe Boating Council. Please include an explanation of extenuating circumstances that require your organization to schedule an event outside of those dates.*

**NSBW Preferred Activities**

- Demonstrations of the proper fit of life jackets
- Designated staff person, volunteer, or boating safety advocate (USCG Auxiliary, US Power Squadrons, ACA, etc.) on hand to answer boating safety questions
- Awards of free on-the-water lessons at your center (scholarships provided by DBW)
- Center must register their event on the Safe Boating Campaign website at <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.net/> and may order materials/resources from NSBC
- Informational publications that include:
  - Navigation Rules (such as, but not limited to, the ABC's of the CA Boating Law)
  - Dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning (youth or boat owner versions)
  - Environmental education (Clean and Green, vessel pump-out locations, etc.)
  - DBW home study course

**Additional Related Activity Ideas**

- On-the-water safe boating techniques (educational rides)
- Safe vessel operation, loading, docking demonstrations, etc.
- Vessel safety check by USCG Auxiliary

**Event Educational Materials and Life Jackets**

- Aquatic Centers may register on the DBW Online Ordering System for publications and life jackets at: <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/Pubs/publications2.aspx>. *To receive approval for over 50 copies of each publication and over 50 total life jackets, please justify your need in item G on the NSBW Worksheet.*

**Costs and Items covered by this grant**

- Up to \$1,200 for NSBW staff time during the event, advertising/marketing, and life jackets for exchange or awards beyond the limited number of free life jackets that can be ordered on the department's Online Ordering System.
- Up to \$800 for boating safety course scholarship awards. Recipients can be included in regularly scheduled courses or a special NSBW course. NSBW scholarship reimbursement will only be made after the scholarship is used by the recipient.

**Event Summary**

- To facilitate federal reporting requirements, an event summary must be submitted with the NSBW reimbursement request (see table on NSBW Worksheet).