



## **THE UNITED SAFE BOATING INSTITUTE**

### **CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE SILVER SCHOONER**

The United Safe Boating Institute is proud to present the USBI Silver Schooner award to Ed Carter, Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Mr Carter is recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions to boating safety, not only in his home state of Tennessee, but throughout the nation, particular during the many years he spent working with both the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Mr Carter has followed a committed career in safety in land and marine environments since he graduated in wildlife management from the University of Tennessee in 1971. Early in his career the National Rifle Association (NRA) formally named his Hunter Education Program the best in North America. In 1990 the Agency named him Chief of the newly formed Division of Boating where he assumed responsibilities including law enforcement, boating education and coordination with all local, state and national agencies including the US Coast Guard.

Mr Carter served in a number of NASBLA Board positions becoming president from 1996 to 1997. As Chair of NASBLA's Government Affairs Committee he provided numerous oral and written testimonies before a number of Congressional Committees and was cleared by the White House for an appointment to the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, a federal advisory committee to the US Coast Guard. During that time he worked with several Commandants of the US Coast Guard and, with Commandant Thad Allen, met with President Bush in the Oval Office to discuss matters relating to boating safety.

Mr Carter has worked closely with four of the past Chairs of the National Transportation Safety Board and, in addition to testifying before special functions of the NTSB, travelled abroad with Chairman Rosenker.

Mr Carter served a number of positions with the National Safe Boating Council, becoming president from 2004 to 2006. In that capacity he also served on the Board of NSBC's sister organization, the Canadian Safe Boating Council.

It is no surprise that many organizations, including the International Water Summit, NASBLA and the NSBC, have asked Mr Carter to serve as Master of Ceremonies for their various functions. In that capacity Mr Carter's clever wit, contagious smile and knowledge of boating safety have greatly contributed to the overall success of these meetings.