

## Peaceful Waters receives the Canadian Safe Boating Award

Montreal, January 14 2002 - the Lifesaving Society, Quebec division won yesterday the Canadian Safe Boating Awards for the best Boating Safety Campaign of the year. For four years, the Canadian Safe Boating Council, which is a regrouping of organisations working to increase the pleasure and the security in the nautical activities, has given these Awards.

The program selected, " Peaceful Waters ", gathers several safety items of which waterway arrangement and training in boat rescue for first responders. Of course, the education of the boaters and the residents of the lakes and rivers form integral part of the program. Using pamphlet and posters on the rules of courtesy, security and respect of the environment the boaters are sensitised to adopt good behaviours on water in order to prevent accidents. Thus, it will be possible to obtain a better use of the waterways for all.

Currently, the residents of Lac Mégantic, Ste-Agathe-of-Mounts, Asbestos and Rock Forest benefit from the pleasures of water in all peace of mind. " Peaceful Waters " is accessible to the municipalities, groups of residents or managers of waterway which wish to improve the security of their lakes and rivers.

Finally, the development and the introduction of such program required the participation of significant partners. Of which, the National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS) by the means of the new Search and Rescue Initiatives Fund (NIF), the Canadian coastal Guard, EducAlcool, Bombardier Recreational Products and the *Secrétariat au loisir et au sport*.

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**Photographs of the program " Peaceful Waters " and of the handing-over of the Canadian Price of the nautical security are available on request.**

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