

CANADIAN SAFE BOATING AWARDS SHOWCASE CANADIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Each spring draws millions of Canadians to the shores of our rivers, lakes and oceans to enjoy their bounty for a precious few months. Each January, the CSBC's Canadian Safe Boating Awards, the "CASBAs," draw boating enthusiasts and members of the boating industry to Toronto. Why? Well, over the course of each boating season, accidents happen to a number of those millions of boaters; good people come to their rescue; other good folk step up to help make boating safer; and yet more look for ways to enjoy boating without causing the planet harm. The CASBAs showcase these good people and their efforts by formally thanking them at a gala event held in the midst of the Toronto Boat Show. Our CSBC organizers rose to the occasion again this year, put on a great show and put the winners in the spotlight. Congratulations to all the well deserving winners, and to the sponsors who provided the financial support to make this event possible!



The award categories and winners are:

Rescue of the Year – Recreational fisherman Stefan McClelland, for pulling pilot Yvon Bedard from the hatch of his downed plane on the Ottawa River, October 2, 2012

Marine Professional of the Year – Lori Mason of Port Credit, Ontario, for her career-long contributions to boating safety

Top Volunteer Dedicated to Safe Boating – Joe Gatfield of Windsor, Ontario for his lifetime volunteer role within countless boating safety organizations and associations

Special Recognition – Pattison Outdoor Advertising, for its significant contributions to keeping boating safety in the public eye

Special Recognition – Popular TV fishing personality Bob Izumi, for his significant contribution to boating safety

Ontario Power Generation's Best Boating Safety Initiative – Rick Easthom and Jack Tang of Richmond, British Columbia for reaching out to Chinese-speaking boaters about safety on the water

Best Media Contribution – Sergeant Norm Webster of the Vancouver Police Department's Marine Unit, for consistently engaging the media on boating safety

Safeguarding the Environment – Golden Enviro Products of Ontario, for its eco-friendly boat cleaner/degreaser BIM200

Marine Industry – "Toss N' Save" heaving line, invented by Manfred Klotz of Windabout Enterprises

Visible Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Wear in Advertising – The Muskoka Lakes Association, Ontario for its poster campaign promoting lifejacket /PFD wear by area boaters

Check out the inspiring stories on each of these impressive award recipients by visiting the [CSBC website](#).