

# United States Power Squadrons Safety Award

## USPS Safety Award Overview

### Background

The USPS Safety Award is administered by the USPS Safety Committee. This award recognizes recreational boaters who engage in water or boating related heroic deeds leading to the preservation of property, the environment or the rescue of people or animals.

### Recipient/Conditions Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ The incident must involve water-safety and/or be boating-safety related.
- ▶ The event involves the preservation of property or the environment or the rescue of people or animals.
- ▶ The event does not involve a medical lifesaving situation.

### Examples include:

- Preventing property-damaging situation without being a principal in the rescue as in placing a tow line on a disabled boat and keeping it at least off the rocks in heavy seas or winds until further help arrives.
- Putting oneself in a clear and present danger by extinguishing a fire on a boat and/or preventing a major fuel spill.
- Assisting in the rescue of an endangered species.
- Providing assistance to the Coast Guard or other service provider to prevent the sinking of a vessel.

### Application Instructions

The application is a letter signed by the person submitting the information. The letter should contain:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the application.
- The name, address, position/title and telephone number of the individual being recommended for the **Safety Award**
- A description of prevailing conditions causing imminent danger to self in pursuing this act
- A description of the circumstances leading up to the event.
- A newspaper clipping or signed testimonial from an eye witnesses, or a video tape capturing the event, must accompany the letter.

- The letter must be typed in a font not less than 10pt and not exceeding four pages double-spaced total length.

If a Safety Award is granted, the recipient must be willing to sign a release authorizing the story to be published in the USPS national magazine, THE ENSIGN and/or on the USPS national web site. All submissions will be returned only upon request otherwise they become the property of USPS to be disposed of in due time

### **Application Evaluation**

- ▶ Submitted Applications will be reviewed quarterly with recommendations submitted to the USPS Chief Commander and Board of Directors for final approval.
- ▶ The Award is to be presented during a meeting as determined by the preference of the award recipient.