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FROM THE HELM

PRESIDENT CARY SMITH

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share experiences to make all safer on the water. If you have a story please pass it along so we may all learn from it. This publication *The Beacon* is for you, the member, and we need to hear your voice.

Encourage, engage and expect excellence. We welcome

the CBSOA 2008-2009 Board of Directors and thank them for the efforts. Plans are in the works for the One Day North and the One Day South Training Symposiums. Look for dates in the near future. It is looking like late October or early November. If you have suggestions please contact a Board

member. As we see the end of summer in sight, be safe on the water, new challenges may be just around the corner.

I would like to thank our members for their support, and I look forward to serving for another year as your President. It is an honor that I take very seriously. It is a lot of work but the rewards are also great. We have an unbelievably talented Board of Directors to compliment the best group of Boating Safety Officers on the Water. We look forward to seeing you all on the water soon.

35th Annual Training

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remember to nominate a deserving CBSOA member for next year's award.

Treasurer **Wes Dodd** presented the annual treasurers report and the CBSOA is doing better than ever, thanks to all of the sponsors and you the members. Elections were completed and the 2007-2008 Board of Directors was announced.

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President **Cary Smith**, Vice President **Scott Mitchell**, Treasurer **Wes Dodd**, Secretary **Laura Dodd**, Southern Director **John Pickens**, Central Director **Jim McDonnell**, Northern Director **Mike Blasi**, Legislative Representatives **Doug Powell** and **Scott Mayberry**.

Congratulations to all and thanks to each of you for your dedication and efforts for the CBSOA and its membership. New CBSOA board members will be highlighted in upcoming issues of *The Beacon*. Thanks go to all the members for attending this outstanding training.

Plans are underway for next year's Training Symposium in Northern California, and if all goes according to plan it will be hosted in Monterey in late April. If you have any topics that you would like to see presented please pass that information along to any Board Member. We look forward to having you in attendance at the 36th.

Watercraft Kills Three-Year-Old Child

A three-year-old boy died after being hit by a personal watercraft at a Feather River beach.

Sutter Co. Sheriff's Sgt. Greg Zembiec says 63-year-old John Blanchard and 50-year-old Allan Minkema of Yuba City hit the boy when they steered the watercraft to the beach at 15 to 20 mph on August 16. They were jailed

on suspicion of manslaughter.

The child was standing in less than a foot of water. He suffered fatal head injuries. Zembiec said the boy's aunt was sitting about a yard away watching with her one-year-old child on her lap. The aunt's boyfriend performed first aid until medics arrived.

As of press time, the boy's name hadn't been released.

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