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OTISCO LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION RECEIVES

BOATU.S. FOUNDATION GRANT TO PROMOTE SAFE AND CLEAN BOATING

Group Gains Highly Competitive Grant Funding

Otisco Lake Preservation Association (OLPA), based in Marietta, NY, has received a Grassroots Grant from the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety & Clean Water. The highly competitive, annual grant program is designed to help nonprofit groups, associations, organizations and other waterway users to help spread the message about safe and clean boating practices at the grass roots level.

This year the safety grant program attracted 150 applications from around the country and the OLPA was one of only 11 that received funding. The OLPA will use the funds to create and distribute brochures, place mats, posters and signage directed at boaters and anglers who use Otisco Lake to raise awareness of local invasive species. Their goal is to encourage good citizenship while on the lake.

“Working with small local boating nonprofits like this enables us to focus on issues specific to local waterways,” said Alanna Keating, Grant Coordinator for the BoatU.S. Foundation. “We rely on enthusiastic volunteers like these to help expand our reach.”

Since 1988, the Foundation has awarded over \$1,000,000 in grants to fund projects that promote responsible boating on a local level. A list of all 11 recipients, as well as grant applications and guidelines are available online at ["http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation"](http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation) www.BoatUS.com/Foundation.

The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit education and research organization primarily funded by the voluntary contributions of the 600,000 members of BoatU.S. The Foundation operates more than a dozen programs including the only accredited, free, online general boating safety course, a low-cost EPIRB rental program, the “Help Stop the Drops” national clean fueling campaign, a free kid’s Life Jacket Loaner Program, and has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for nonprofit groups for boating safety and environmental projects.