

Friends of Belmar Harbor receive award

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US Sailing recently announced that the Community Sailing Council had recognized the Friends of Belmar Harbor [FOBH] with the 2006 Outstanding Seasonal Sailing Program Award at the National Sailing Programs Symposium in New Orleans, La. on Jan. 19.

The award was presented to David Calnan, president of FOBH, by David Lumian, chairman of the Community Sailing Council and Diane Wentzel, secretary of the council.

The National Sailing Programs Symposium is the premier event for those dedicated to sailing education in the United States. This year it brought together more than 150 individuals associated with instruction, program operation and equipment development for sailing programs across the US, Canada and Australia.

The Community Sailing Council awarded the Outstanding Seasonal Sailing Program Award based upon information obtained from other programs in the region, confirming the outstanding achievements of Friends of Belmar Harbor [FOBH], a not-for-profit organization.

FOBH has grown over the course of the past seven years to a program that, in the past year, has provided sailing instruction to over 300 young people ages 9 to 22, including two local high schools, a university and an inner-city charter academy.

Friends of Belmar Harbor is dedicated to teaching low-cost and no-cost youth sailing, to providing family and adult sailing experiences, and to fostering positive interactions with the marine environment, as well as the need for protection of the valuable resource that is the Shark River Bay.

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