



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Marine Board Recognizes Boating Partners**

At their regular monthly meeting on January 10, 2013, the Oregon State Marine Board recognized Port of Newport General Manager Don Mann by presenting him with the 2012 Professional Service Award.

The Professional Service Award is awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to public boating access locally and/or statewide; has shown a dedication and resolve to increasing and improving public access for boating over an extended career; and has met or exceeded all Marine Board expectations in carrying out multiple Boating Facility Grants. The Marine Board has had nearly \$1 million in grants with the Port of Newport during Mann's tenure as General Manager. This award was presented in recognition of Mann's outstanding career contribution and performance in the Oregon boating industry.

Mann started his boating career in the US Coast Guard when he served on the icebreaker Coast Guard Cutter Glacier, with tours of duty in the Arctic and Antarctic, and on a 40-foot rescue boat in Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA. From the Coast Guard, Mann moved to Brookings, OR, where he managed the Port of Brookings Harbor, and then to Florence, OR, as General Manager of the Port of Siuslaw. He joined the Port of Newport as General Manager in January 1996.

Other awards that day went to Randy Dixon, Operations Superintendent for the City of Coos Bay for Outstanding Boating Facility Maintenance; and Peter Mitchell, Manager, Port of Arlington, for Outstanding Boating Facility Grant.

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