

Boat-Towing Captains in FL, MA, NJ, RI, NC Honored For Lifesaving Acts

SAN DIEGO, February 21, 2017 – When recreational boaters need a tow home, a battery jump, or a little extra fuel, [TowBoatUS](#) towing captains are there 24-hours a day to provide routine assistance. When recreational boaters are in deep trouble, TowBoatUS captains don't hesitate to save lives. Ten TowBoatUS Captains from across the nation who acted as good Samaritans in 2016 were recently honored by their peers at a ceremony held at the annual BoatUS Towing Conference in San Diego, California.

The 10 captains serve TowBoatUS towing locations in Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and North Carolina. These are their actions:

Woody Pollack Lifesaving Award

- **Capt. Cole Sisler**, TowBoatUS Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Rescued a swimmer who was in distress and being swept out to sea. Capt. Sisler also received a lifesaving award from the Broward County Sheriff's Department for his actions.

Meritorious Service Awards

- **Capt. Eric Laury & Capt. Steven Reuss**, TowBoatUS Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Rescued four overturned kayakers who were pre-fishing a local tournament and caught in thunderstorm with 50-plus mph winds, later described as "Armageddon."
- **Capt. Che' Ruble**, TowBoatUS Tarpon Springs, Florida: Rescued a 62-year-old man in the water who was being swept out the sea without a life jacket.
- **Capt. Dallas Curry**, TowBoatUS Tarpon Springs, Florida: Rescued a women who had fallen from a high-speed powerboat unnoticed by anyone aboard and was slowly drifting out to sea.
- **Capt. Clint Allen**, TowBoatUS New Bedford, Massachusetts: Rescued six crewmen from the 72-foot commercial scallop fishing vessel, *Captain Jeff*, after it began taking on water five miles south of New Bedford Harbor.
- **Capt. Dan Carpenter**, TowBoatUS Falmouth, Massachusetts: Rescued five persons aboard a 24-foot powerboat that sunk after striking rocks off Osterville, Massachusetts.
- **Capt. John Altamura**, TowBoatUS Manasquan, New Jersey: Rescued two persons when a 21-foot boat with 11 passengers aboard was swamped in the narrow, swift-moving Point Pleasant Canal. New Jersey State Troopers rescued the nine others and a dog.
- **Capt. Robert DiSanto**, TowBoatUS Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island: Rescued a swimmer being swept out to sea off Block Island's dangerous North Rip.
- **Capt. Brian Lischin**, TowBoatUS. Jordan Lake, North Carolina: Located a lost boat on the 14,000-acre lake with 13 persons aboard and provided emergency transport to one of the party who was having a stroke.