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IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation Delivers Over 500 Life Jackets to Loaner Stations -Teams Up with U.S. Distributing

IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, partnered with U.S. Distributing (owned by Englund Marine Supply) to purchase and deliver over 500 life jackets to major water safety organizations for life jacket loaner stations throughout Oregon. The Oregon State Marine Board awarded IOBG a \$2500 grant to purchase new life jackets.

“It is very rewarding to see that a major local company, U.S. Distributing, sees the benefit in assisting us in providing life jackets to numerous kiosks throughout Oregon. The true benefit is in saving that one child’s life because the life jacket was there to use,” said Mike Kondrat, President of IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation. “We also thank the Oregon State Marine Board



Jen Tonneson, Marine Board, Mike Kondrat, Nautical Safety Foundation, David LaDouceur, Park Ranger, Jeff Sleight, U.S. Distributing, Bobbi Trout, Park Ranger, Bernard Klatte, Army Corps, Bill McKinney, IOBG, Boyd Logan, Park Ranger

for the grant which enabled us to meet this year’s demands for life jackets,” continued Kondrat, “Without the Marine Board’s help we would not have the funds to provide these jackets.”

These life jackets primarily replaced worn out, weathered and missing jackets at over 50 life jacket kiosks on major bodies of water in Oregon such as the Columbia, Willamette, Sandy, Clackamas and Rogue Rivers, as well as Hagg Lake. We also support new kiosks being built during this year such as the one built by Nathan Roner for his Eagle Scout Project.

“U.S. Distributing, Englund Marine Supply and Charlie Bond of Ralston Cunningham Company, our life jacket sales representative, are very supportive of any effort that we put into helping save lives and are very impressed with the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation’s work in getting these life jackets distributed where there’s a need in such a timely manner”, said Jeff Sleight, U.S.

Distributing Sales Manager. “We hope we can continue our relationship with IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation and support the numerous life jacket kiosks throughout our state.”

IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation has partnered with organizations like Safe Kids, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Boy Scouts of America, Daughters of Neptune and various County River Patrols for the past three years. The Foundation has delivered almost 1500 new and used life jackets to these organizations.

“The Oregon State Marine Board awarded the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation with this grant based upon their submitted proposal which identified a great need for life jackets to supplement the numerous life jacket kiosks on major waterways in Oregon. Partnering with U.S. Distributing allowed the IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation to exceed their proposals delivery commitments.” said MariAnn McKenzie, Oregon State Marine Board Boater Education Coordinator.



Eagle Scout, Nathan Ronen, at the newly built Dabney State Park Kiosk



Multnomah County River Patrol along with Daughters of Neptune accepting life jackets from IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation at the 42nd St Ramp, Portland

About IOBG Nautical Safety Foundation: Based in Portland Oregon, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to provide local water safety organizations with much needed safety equipment such as life jackets.

Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/Life-jackets

– or by check –

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