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C-Port Lifesaving Award

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Sea Tow Clarks Hill Lake Captain Jon G. Gridley is cited "for life saving efforts" for his performance of duty on the afternoon of the 4th of July, 2011. While seeking safe harbor from an intense thunderstorm which produced winds in excess of 50 knots and a three to four foot choppy sea state, Captain Gridley responded to a distress call from a houseboat caught in the storm out on the lake.

Captain Gridley was alerted that there were people in the water and in distress. Not concerned for their own safety, Captain Gridley and a friend immediately got underway in the howling wind and tough sea conditions to render assistance.

Once on scene with the houseboat, Captain Gridley learned that after a 12 year old boy (wearing a life jacket) was blown overboard by the wind, an adult male jumped off the houseboat into the water without a life jacket in an effort to save the boy, who subsequently was recovered in good health. When Gridley quickly located the missing adult male, he was found unconscious and about to submerge below the surface of the water.

After pulling the man aboard his vessel, Captain Gridley quickly headed back to the marina while his friend performed CPR. The victim was delivered to the dock, where he was revived and transferred to awaiting Emergency Medical Services. Captain Gridley's cool composure and speedy actions no doubt directly contributed to saving the life of a fellow boater.

Captain Jon G. Gridley is commended for outstanding performance of duty, going above and beyond to save a life, and bring great credit to the marine assistance industry.

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