

Neil in action!



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In the **Dominican Republic** Neil was a Group #7 **Peace Corps Volunteer** from 1962-64. While living in Jarabacoa he was involved in forestry, teaching English, doing agricultural extension, and leading Scouting; named by PC-DR Director Andy Hernandez to be the PC Coordinator with the Dominican Scout Association helping coordinate PCVs in about 35 different villages and towns. Returning to the states he was a Peace Corps Recruiter at universities in NY, OR, UT, MO, NJ & RI. Later he was as a PC training program director for small-scale fisheries projects going to the Philippines and Papua New Guinea. Much later he was a coastal fish farming education consultant **US AID** Small Scale Fisheries Development Project living and working on Java, **Indonesia**.

In his career, Neil specializes in marina environmental management, site planning, and professional development, and has been the technical advisor, consultant, and teacher for 40 years to over 2,300 marina managers, industry professionals, and government officials in 18 nations, 4 continents, and 44 US states/territories. He is considered one of most published authors of marina related articles with more than 300 technical reports published.

For 18 years, he worked for the **University of Rhode Island Sea Grant** where he created the *Advanced Marina Management Course* that led to his incorporating and serving 8 years as founding President of the **International Marina Institute**. Additionally he was the **Rhode Island Marine Trade Association** executive director and its **Rhode Island Boat Show** manager, founding President of the **Marine Environmental Education Foundation**, and its **US National Clean Boating Campaign** manager. He helped author the national marina environmental management guidelines for the **US Environmental Protection Agency**, helped develop the *Clean Vessel Act pumpout grant program* for the **US Fish & Wildlife Service**, and was one of the initiators of the **Clean Marina** recognition award program now used in nearly 27 American states. He consulted for the University of Rhode Island in developing clean marina guidelines for Mexico, and just completed a six-year contract creating the very successful **Washington, DC Clean Marina Program**. Currently he is creating a *Clean Marina* program in **Costa Rica**.

Over his career Neil was the keynote speaker at the first professional marina management conferences held in Alaska, California, Minnesota, New England, Virginia, Washington, Washington DC, plus Australia, Brazil, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Singapore, Trinidad, Virgin Islands, and has done professional training in 28 states. For over 20 years, he has been the keynote speaker at the **University of Wisconsin's** annual *Docks and Marinas* national engineering course. In 2004, the US Environmental Protection Agency presented him its *Environmental Merit Award*, and in 2006, he received the *First Watch Clean Water Award* during the **National Clean Boating Celebration** he organized in Washington, DC.

Neil currently volunteers with both Peace Corps and Scouts in the Dominican Republic, mentors middle school students, and leads junior docents in a local museum. For his nearly 50 years as a Scout leader, the **Boy Scouts of America** in 2006 awarded Neil their *National Silver Beaver Award*, the highest national Scout recognition for adults. **Rotary International** named him a *Paul Harris Fellow* in 2008, for "furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

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Neil with two Dominican Scouts, Karina and Mariela, who served as international staff in Rhode Island's large summer Scout camp.

