

Proclamation



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WHEREAS: For more than 100 million Americans, recreational boating remains a popular and cherished activity, providing opportunities for families and individuals to enjoy the waterways through boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

WHEREAS: National Safe Boating Week, observed May 16 through May 22, 2026, is a nationwide effort led by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Safe Boating Council, in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies, to promote responsible boating and water safety; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach, with its extensive coastline, waterways, and vibrant boating community, recognizes the importance of promoting safe boating practices to protect residents and visitors enjoying our coastal and inland waters; and

WHEREAS: the U.S. Coast Guard reports that human error is the leading cause of boating accidents, and that nearly 75 percent of boating fatalities could be prevented by the proper use of life jackets. On average, approximately 650 people lose their lives each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, with the majority of fatalities resulting from drowning and often involving the absence of life jacket use; and

WHEREAS: safe boating begins with preparation, including wearing life jackets, carrying emergency distress and communication equipment, completing boating safety courses, participating in vessel safety checks, and operating vessels responsibly and free from impairment; and

WHEREAS: National Safe Boating Week serves as the annual launch of the Safe Boating Campaign, a year-round initiative dedicated to reducing preventable boating accidents and promoting a culture of safety on the water; and

WHEREAS: promoting boating safety enhances the well-being of our community and helps ensure that Pompano Beach remains a safe and enjoyable destination for recreational boating and water-based activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rex Hardin, on behalf of the City Commission and residents of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim May 16th through May 22nd, 2026, as Safe Boating Week in the City of Pompano Beach and urge all residents and visitors to practice safe boating habits, wear life jackets at all times while on the water, and take advantage of available safety education resources to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating season.

DONE this 12TH Day of May, 2026.



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