

Proclamation



Whereas: For over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity, bringing families and friends together to enjoy time on the water through boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

Whereas: the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Safe Boating Council, and numerous federal, state, and local partners dedicate themselves to promoting responsible, informed, and safe boating practices; and

Whereas: the U.S. Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for the majority of boating accidents and that wearing a life jacket could prevent nearly 75 percent of all boating-related fatalities; and

Whereas: an average of 600 people in the United States lose their lives each year in boating-related accidents, with 75 percent of those fatalities resulting from drowning, many of which could be prevented with the proper use of life jackets; and

Whereas: basic boating safety measures—such as carrying emergency distress and communications equipment, attending certified boating safety courses, participating in safety checks, and navigating sober—are essential to reducing accidents and saving lives; and

Whereas: National Safe Boating Week serves to educate and raise awareness about these vital practices so that recreational boaters can enjoy America's waters safely year-round.

Now, Therefore, I Rex Harden, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach and on behalf of the City Commission and residents do hereby proclaim May 17 – May 23, 2025, as National Safe Boating Week. We encourage all residents and visitors who enjoy recreational water activities to observe this week by committing to safe boating practices, wearing life jackets at all times while on the water, and spreading awareness of boating safety within the community.

DONE this 13th day of May, 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Rex Harden".

REX HARDIN
MAYOR