

Proclamation



WHEREAS: For over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; and

WHEREAS: Safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 86 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober while navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season; and

WHEREAS: National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS: the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgement and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS: a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin as Mayor and on behalf of the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, do hereby designate **May 21 – May 27, 2022**, as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Pompano Beach and urge all citizens to join in learning and practicing safe boating by wearing a life jacket, taking boating education courses, getting a vessel safety check, and operating their vessels responsibly, safely and soberly.

DONE this 10th day of May, 2022.



REX HARDIN
MAYOR