

Proclamation



Town of Carolina Beach
Town Council

PROCLAMATION NO. 25-2349

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 16-22, 2026 AS SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastal waters of Carolina Beach represent a world-renowned recreational resource that residents and visitors alike are drawn to each year for water and beach activities; and

WHEREAS, year-round, people continue to enjoy all that our natural environment has to offer through the joy of boating; and

WHEREAS, on average, 613 people die in the U.S. each year in boating-related accidents, with approximately 80% of these deaths caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, in approximately 86% of drowning cases, the victim was not wearing a life jacket; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that wearing a life jacket is the single most important factor in reducing boating-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Boating Council, supported by the U.S. Power Squadron and other national organizations, has set May 16 through 22 as National Safe Boating Week for 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach supports the U.S. Coast Guard and the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron and thereby proclaims May 16-22, 2026 as Safe Boating Week in this Town; and **urges all persons to wear a life jacket at all times while boating.**

Proclaimed this 14TH day of April, 2026.

Albert L. Barbee, Mayor