

The Town of Highland Beach, Florida

Proclamation

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 21 through MAY 27, 2022

For nearly 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.

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 when navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season.

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

WHEREAS, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 79 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 life jackets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOUGLAS HILLMAN, MAYOR of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, on behalf of Town Commission, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 21 through 27, 2022 as

National Safe Boating Week

and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

I encourage all citizens of the Town of Highland Beach who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida to be affixed this 17th day of May 2022.

DOUGLAS HILLMAN
MAYOR

