

## Proclamation

- Whereas,* the City of Manhattan Beach desires to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can enjoy safer experiences when participating in water related activities throughout the year; and
- Whereas,* the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 12 – Santa Monica Bay, supported by District 11 Southern Region, has been and continues to be fiercely strong advocates in the promotion of Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) for all boaters and age groups, and take immense pride and satisfaction in RBS outreach and education efforts; and
- Whereas,* the vast majority of recreational boating accidents are caused by human error, poor judgment or lack of education, and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and
- Whereas,* on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S. and nearly 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and
- Whereas,* a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year could be alive today had they worn appropriate size and type Personal Flotation Devices, especially children, who are at a higher risk of drowning while participating in recreational boating activities; and
- Whereas,* “The Boating Safety Seven” greatly assists in improving safety and reducing recreational boating-related accidents, injuries and fatalities, and includes the following simple initiatives: Wear your Personal Flotation Devices; Take a boating safety class; Carry all required safety gear; Use your engine cut-off switch; File a float plan; Be aware of weather and water conditions; Boat sober and be considerate of others; and
- Whereas,* qualified volunteer organizations, such as the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, provide state-approved boating safety courses, classes and resources, and are offered frequently throughout California; and
- Whereas,* on September 18, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed into law Senate Bill 941, which prohibits the operation of motorized vessels in California without a valid boater card developed and issued by DBW with the new mandatory boating safety education law effective on January 1, 2018; and
- Whereas,* the State of California, with limited exceptions, will require ALL Powerboat operators, including sailboats and paddlecraft that are equipped with motors, if California is the State of primary residency for the boat operator, to obtain and carry the California Boater Card while boating under their operational control, effective January 1, 2025, per California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, Joe Franklin, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2024 through May 24, 2024 as

## *National Safe Boating Week*

and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. I urge all who enjoy recreation boating activities to practice safe boating habits.

*Dated* this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

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MAYOR JOE FRANKLIN

