

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Manhattan Beach, California which is within the immediate Area of Responsibility for United States Coast Guard Auxiliary - Southwest District Southern Region Flotilla 12-05 "Beach Cities" and 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, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year could be alive today had they worn appropriate size and type USCG approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), especially children, who are at a higher risk of drowning while participating in Recreational Boating activities; and

Whereas, the vast majority of Recreational Boating accidents usually involve simple factors, often relating to human error, lack of education or operating while intoxicated, and Recreation Boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters can stay safe throughout the season by adhering to practical, but important measures and preparation; and

Whereas, effective January 01, 2025, The State of California Department of Boating and Waterways requires individuals who operate powerboats, including sailboats and paddlecraft that are equipped with motors, to have passed a Safe Boating Course and possess the California Boater Card, with limited exceptions

Whereas, qualified volunteer organizations, such as local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas which augment the Active Duty U. S. Coast Guard, provide Public Education courses and resources, including frequent and local California state approved boating safety courses that can assist in earning the California Boater Card; and

Whereas, owners of boats, personal watercraft and paddlecraft can request complimentary Vessel Safety Checks by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, to make sure recreational watercrafts are in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for the respective year; and

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 16, 2026 through May 22, 2026 as

National Safe Boating Week

and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. We urge all who enjoy recreation boating activities to practice safe boating habits, wear a Personal Flotation Device at all times while boating, become better educated through safe boating courses, for operators to obtain the California Boater Card, and continue to Boat Safely and Responsibly.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2026

ATTEST:

City Clerk Liza Tamura

Mayor Joe Franklin

