



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK**

**2022**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, for millions of Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity; from coast to coast, people enjoy time together boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Safe Boating Week, the United States 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 – can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore stay safe; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, over 600 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

**WHEREAS**, safe boating begins with preparation; the Coast Guard estimates that human error or poor judgment is at cause in most accidents, rather than 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; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 21 – 27, 2022, as “**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.