

MEMORANDUM
Office of
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teri Sayad-Ivaldi, Senior Administrative Aide

DATE: May 22, 2012

SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION** – Approve a Proclamation declaring the week of May 19th through May 25th 2012 as National Safe Boating Week in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve a Proclamation declaring the week of May 19th through May 25th 2012 as National Safe Boating Week in Placer County.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in 1939 to primarily assist the U.S. Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. The Auxiliary boasts over 36,000 members nationwide, from all walks of life, who each receive special training and are always ready to support the United States Coast Guard and recreational boating public.

Each year, approximately 700 Americans lose their lives in boating accidents. Statistics have indicated that those boaters who have completed a boating safety class are far less likely to become a boating fatality statistic. In fact, U.S Coast Guard statistics show that 80 percent of the fatalities in boating accidents had no formal boating safety education.

Since its inception, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries have expanded their parameters to include providing vessel safety checks, safe boating courses, search and rescue, life-saving public education, marine environmental protection and providing towing services to disable or impounded boats to name just a few of the many missions its members participate in.

A Flotilla is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary and is comprised of at least 15 qualified members who carry out the day-to-day missions of "Team Coast Guard". Every Auxiliary member is part of a Flotilla.

Flotilla 33 of Placer County continues its efforts in support of the U.S. Coast Guard mission to educate by offering boating safety classes and providing recreational boating safety information & resources to the public.

In 2011, the members of Flotilla 33 of Placer County volunteered 4,032 hours educating the public in boating safety and most importantly, promoted the wearing of life jackets; Flotilla 33 also provided 159 courtesy boat safety inspections.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 19th THROUGH MAY 25th, 2012 AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IN PLACER COUNTY

The following PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, May 22, 2012.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in 1939 to primarily assist the U.S. Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. The Auxiliary boasts over 36,000 members nationwide, from all walks of life, who each receive special training and are always ready to support the United States Coast Guard and recreational boating public; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 700 Americans lose their lives in boating accidents. Statistics have indicated that those boaters who have completed a boating safety class are far less likely to become a boating fatality statistic. In fact, U.S Coast Guard statistics show that 80 percent of the fatalities in boating accidents had no formal boating safety education; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries have expanded their parameters to include providing vessel safety checks, safe boating courses, search and rescue, life-saving public education, marine environmental protection and providing towing services to disable or impounded boats to name just a few of the many missions its members participate in; and

WHEREAS, a Flotilla is the basic organizational unit of the Auxiliary and is comprised of at least 15 qualified members who carry out the day-to-day missions of "Team Coast Guard". Every Auxiliary member is part of a Flotilla; and

WHEREAS, Flotilla 33 of Placer County, continues its efforts in support of the U.S. Coast Guard mission to educate by offering boating safety classes and providing recreational boating safety information & resources to the public; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the members of Flotilla 33 of Placer County volunteered 4,032 hours educating the public in boating safety and most importantly, promoted the wearing of life jackets; Flotilla 33 also provided 159 courtesy boat safety inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer in support of Flotilla 33 of Placer County and the United States Coast Guard's mission, does hereby designate the week of May 19th through May 25th, 2012 as National Safe Boating Week and urges all boaters of in-land lakes and rivers to always exercise safe boating practices and most importantly, to safeguard their lives by wearing life jackets when on the water.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2012.

Jennifer Montgomery,
Supervisor District 5, 2012 Chairwoman

Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1
Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3
Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4