

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:*** Recreational boating is a popular activity in the many lakes and streams in and around Bellevue; and
- Whereas:*** Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment, as boaters aware of the risks are likely to take precautionary measures to protect themselves and their friends and family; and
- Whereas:*** Failing to follow the nautical rules of the road, using drugs or alcohol while controlling a boat and/or choosing not to wear a life vest add risk; and
- Whereas:*** On average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., the vast majority caused by human error or poor judgment; and
- Whereas:*** Today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look from today's boating public; and
- Whereas:*** The Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 22 share the mission of promoting and improving recreational boating safety by teaching safety courses and conducting vessel safety checks.

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 21-27, 2016** as:

National Safe Boating Week

and urge all citizens to practice year-round safe boating practices, and to "Boat Smart - Boat Safe - and Wear It."

John Stokes
Mayor