



City of Bellevue | 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, allowing boaters 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 or choosing not to wear a life vest add significant risks; and

Whereas: On average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, 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 Division 2 share the mission of promoting and improving recreational boating safety by teaching safety courses and conducting vessel safety checks.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 18-24, 2019** as:

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING AND PADDLING WEEK

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

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue