

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



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National Safe Boating Campaign

# NEWS

***Boat Smart.  
Boat Safe.  
Wear It!***

## Y'ALL COME!

Welcome to the birthday party! We're celebrating the 54<sup>th</sup> birthday of National Safe Boating Week this month. It's a one-week celebration, starting May 20<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited. There will be plenty of birthday favors given out. You'll find posters, pamphlets, stickers, decals and much more. The theme for the event is "Wear It!" Wear those personal flotation devices (PFDs) when aboard!

Back in 1952, the idea for a national safe boating week was born in New England. The idea evolved into Public Law 84-455 in 1958. It was officially named and proclaimed, "National Safe Boating Week."

Celebrations will take place from coast to coast and even in Canada. The word is out: "Y'ALL COME!" The Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Power Squadrons and many other marine organizations will host the parties. It's the media event of the year! Boating safety booths, Vessel Safety Checks, Coast Guard Open Houses, are just some of the special events planned for the boating public.

Bring the kids! Coastie® and PFD Panda will be around to entertain them.

Myrna the Mermaid has some reminders for the party goers: Take a boating safety class. Get a vessel safety check. **"Wear It!"**

Myrna the Mermaid says,

**"Life jackets  
save lives.  
Wear them  
when aboard!"**

