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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates National Safe Boating Week



"IT FLOATS, YOU DON'T"

To Kick off Safe Boating Week, ten year old Matthew Douglas of Mount Juliet TN helps to spread the message of "It Floats, You Don't" with Jim Williamson, Commander of the Hermitage TN Percy Priest Flotilla 11-04.

National Safe Boating Week is held annually during the third week of May with an effort to alert recreational boaters to practice safe boating, with a strong emphasis on wearing life jackets.

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National Safe Boating Week is May 19th-25th. Join the Coast Guard Auxiliary in keeping America's waterways safe by ensuring your vessel is compliant with all safety standards.

And remember - to be a survivor - *WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!!!*

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found performing a variety of missions - on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. Over 27,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.

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