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Mayor
Village of Skaneateles

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Dear Mayor Sennett,

Each year the third Saturday in May starts National Safe Boating Week, the kick-off of the annual Safe Boating Campaign. It runs through the following Friday to serve as an important boating safety reminder before the Memorial Day weekend. The United States Coast Guard and the Safe Boating Campaign continues throughout the year with various events and activities.

 During National Safe Boating Week the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary promote awareness of safe boating before the kickoff to the summer boating season. National Safe Boating Week 2024 will be held May 18-24, 2024.

 As representatives of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary we promote recreational boating safety throughout the year. We respectfully request that you partner with the United States Coast Guard and the Safe Boating Campaign to bring recreational boating safety awareness to the community by designating the May 18-24, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Skaneateles. I have inserted a sample proclamation below.

 If you wish to make a public presentation I will make arrangements to have a member or members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary present.

Thank you for your consideration.

I will be happy to answer any questions.

Very respectfully,
Commodore Kenneth Jacobs
District Public Affairs Officer
District 9 Eastern Region
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
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<u>**"Sample National Safe Boating Week Proclamation"**</u>

For over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Safe Boating Council, along with federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly.

Safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 75 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season.

National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year.

- Whereas, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and
- Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors; and
- Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets.

Therefore, I, Mayor Mary Sennett, do hereby support the goals of the Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 18-24, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Thereof, I urge all those who boat to practice safe boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

Given under my signature and the seal of at the village of Skaneateles, New York this _____ day of _____, 2024.