



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, with the vast majority of these incidents caused by human error and poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81 has proudly served the U.S. Coast Guard and Manatee County residents by teaching boating safety courses, providing vessel safety checks, and patrolling area waters for over 50 years of service in our community; and

WHEREAS, each day, more than 30,000 Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers provide support to Coast Guard units across the U.S. and its territories and, on average, assist in 10 Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, save one life, assist 28 people, save more than \$340,000 worth of property, conduct over 60 safety patrols, perform more than 300 vessel safety checks, educate over 360 people on boating safety, and participate in over 100 Coast Guard operational support missions; and

WHEREAS, May 19 through 25, 2018, is National Safe Boating Week in the United States and Flotilla 81 will be encouraging all boaters to help raise awareness about boating responsibly and to take appropriate precautions before leaving the dock this season by filing a float plan with a trusted family member or friend, checking the weather, and wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times; and

WHEREAS, it is important to respect Safe Boating Week and carry the tradition of boating forward by following commonsense safety procedures and keeping our lakes, rivers, and the Gulf of Mexico safe and clean for all to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that May 19 - 25, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, and all citizens are urged to support the dedication of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary by promoting year-round safe boating practices.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 22nd day of May 2018.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Priscilla Trace

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Robin Roth, D.C.

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
Commission Chambers, First Floor
9:00 a.m. - May 22, 2018

May 22, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #8

Presented in Open Session 5/22/18,
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

Subject

Safe Boating Week - May 19-25, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating May 19-25, 2018, as "Safe Boating Week" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

May 19 through 25, 2018, is National Safe Boating Week in the United States.

Braxton Ezell, Division 8 Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Robert Schooks, Flotilla 81 Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

None.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

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