

## Related Safety Websites

### Recreational Boating Safety Committee

[www.usps.org/nationallsafety](http://www.usps.org/nationallsafety)

### USPS Youth Safety Contest

[www.usps.org/nationallsafety/8thYPCcontest.pdf](http://www.usps.org/nationallsafety/8thYPCcontest.pdf)

### United States Coast Guard

[www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)

### National Safe Boating Council

[www.safeboatingcouncil.org/](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/)

### National Weather Service

### MAROB

[www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/marob.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/marob.htm)

### America's Waterway Watch

[www.AmericasWaterwayWatch.org](http://www.AmericasWaterwayWatch.org)

### Rescue 21

[www.uscg.millrescue21](http://www.uscg.millrescue21)



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SAFE BOATING CAMPAIGN

National Safe Boating Week  
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## RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Leaders  
in  
Recreational  
Boating Safety**

# Recreational Boating Safety Committee

Fun on the water begins with **Safety**.

The goal of the **Recreational Boating Safety Committee** is to enhance the boating experience by providing the boater with the latest safety tools and information.

The Recreational Boating Safety Committee works with the **National Safe Boating Council** to coordinate USPS



safe boating promotional efforts through the National Safe Boating Campaign. The kick-off week for the campaign was **22-28 May 2004**.

All Squadrons have been encouraged to plan a safety event. Every Squadron Safety Officer is to submit a report for their squadron to their District Safety Officer before **1 October**. The report form can be downloaded from the web site at <http://www.usps.org/national/safety/RBSafetyOfficerReport.pdf>. We hope that all squadrons earn Honor Roll status again this year.



Having accurate weather information is important for the safety of your vessel and the comfort of the crew. Through the **MAROB** program, USPS

has partnered with the National Weather Service to improve NWS data and thereby improve their computer models and forecasts. Currently there are six test districts (3, 8, 9, 16, 22 & 26) involved in the initial program. Let's all support this worthwhile initiative.



Our young people are our boating future. Encourage them to develop the safety habit by entering the **USPS Youth Poster Contest**. Details can be found at <http://www.usps.org/national/safety/8thYPCcontest.pdf>



**P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP and Lt/C Louise Manke, P review the USPS Youth Poster entries.**



**You're In Command** is the title of a new Coast Guard outreach campaign challenging boaters to a higher level of safety.

Attitudinal research sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard finds that most boaters believe that they are safe enough already. They equate boating safety with equipment - like life jackets, fire extinguishers, and radios - and forget that safety is really a matter of their own personal behavior and attitudes.

This program reminds boaters of their responsibilities. Boaters should take the following actions:

1. Get a Vessel Safety Check
2. Take America's Boating Course
3. Wear Your Life Jacket
4. Never Boat Under the Influence



America's coasts, rivers, bridges, tunnels, ports, ships, military bases and waterside industries may be the next terrorist targets.

You can help by participating in **America's Waterway Watch**

To report suspicious activity call the National response center

**800-424-8802 or 877-24WATCH**