



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Power Squadrons® through its local Beaufort Sail & Power Squadron, America's Boating Club® of Beaufort™ is joined with the Beaufort City Council in promoting education about safe boating for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact that 75% of all persons that go overboard drown, and that 87% of those were reported to have been able to swim; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not due to boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact that 100% of drowning fatalities were not wearing a life jacket; and

WHEREAS, most of those boaters who lost their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, hereby proclaims the week of May 21-27, 2022 as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

and urges those who boat to "Boat Smart - Boat Safe- and Wear It", and to always practice safe boating habits.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I herewith set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 24th day of May 2022.




STEPHEN D. MURRAY III, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI GULDNER, CITY CLERK



Squadron Commander Mary Corsaro and Mayor Stephen Murray



Left to right - Bob Corsaro, Mary Corsaro
and Mayor Stephen Murray