



Bringing It Home Safely - National Safe Boating Week 2013

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National Safe Boating Week runs from May 18 to May 24 in 2013. US Coast Guard Forces nation-wide and especially here "Out East" have a lot of plans to take and make safety a daily, year-long event. This column is about that.

National Safe Boating Week - Why?

By 1958, boating "by the millions" rather than "by millionaires" was in full swing. What Coast Guard statistics showed was that the democratization of boating was coming at a cost - and it wasn't the 29-cents per gallon for the gasoline. It was accidents and fatalities. The US Congress passed the Federal Boating Act and the National Safe Boating Week was born upon President Eisenhower's signature. It was initially run as a committee - US Coast Guard as chairman, with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Power Squadron and the Red Cross as its informal members. It still took some time for the focused attention of the Coast Guard on boater safety to work its way through long habits and aged traditions. It wasn't until 1973, when 1,754 people died in boating accidents, that the trend started to reverse. Why? Why else - money, people and untiring focus!

Safety First - The Big Picture

Safety isn't something you put on like an over-coat. Safety, to be truly effective, needs to be part of your daily habit and part of that is education - day-in, day-out. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Division-18 is all about that. Division 18 is comprised of 4 flotillas and it is at

the flotilla level where the work gets done. Division-18 supports three Coast Guard stations "Out East" - SFO Moriches, Station Shinnecock and Station Montauk.

"Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear it" - Get In the Picture!

In 2013, the Wear It! campaign will continue, reminding boaters from coast to coast to put on their life jacket when on the water. The campaign is sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the National Safe Boating Council and many other boating organizations. Looking ahead to the 2013 campaign, note that the National Safe Boating Council will offer its free material on its www.safeboatingcampaign.com website. There is nothing stopping marina owners, dive shop proprietors, camp counselors and concerned parents from getting and using those materials!

The simple use of life jackets when engaging in any boating or paddle boat activity saves lives. Obeying and knowing the Navigation Rules or the nautical "Rules of the Road" through safe boating classes and not drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat, will save the lives of the boaters and those sharing the water with you. Wearing a life jacket can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 80%! It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives. The goal of National Safe Boating Week is to emphasize the year-round effort to promote safe boating. All who enjoy the waters of our beautiful state are urged to practice safe boating habits. Remember: "Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear it."

Kayak Races and TrawlerFests

At \$5/gallon for fuel, we can expect the explosion in the use of paddle sports to continue and the Coast Guard's Operation Paddle Smart is key to curtailing the injuries and even deaths that these pastimes are piling up statistically.

Life Jacket Statistics

World War II brought us the inflatable life jacket, as worn by sailors, pilots and Submariners. The fabric, which looked like rubber, dried out easily. Talcum powder was used to keep the fabric pliable.



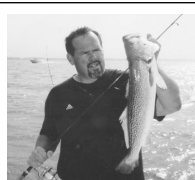
Later on, military technology was applied to making consumer life jackets. These have developed through the years to the various styles we see today. But any life jacket, inflatable or otherwise, must be worn to work. Here are the stats: 16 people go in the water with life-jackets on and 15 come out. 16 people go in the water without life jackets on - and one comes out... (see SSP, "Life Jackets Save Lives - Maybe Yours!", 2/11/09 and SSP, "Do I Really Need to Wear a Life Jacket?", 1/3/07).

May 18 is a Nation-Wide Wear It! Day. Join in leading yourself and your loved ones to safer boating!

Don't be a statistic.

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at JoinUSCGAux@aol.com or go direct to the D1SR Human Resources department, who are in charge of new members matters, at DSO-HR and we will help you "get in this thing..."

Tides for Moriches Inlet starting with May 1, 2013							
Day	High/Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise/Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible	
Wed. 1	Low	6:13 AM	0.0	5:49 AM	Rise 12:55 AM	68	
1	High	12:34 PM	3.0	7:47 PM	Set 11:24 AM		
1	Low	6:32 PM	0.3				
Thur. 2	High	12:55 AM	3.3	5:48 AM	Rise 1:36 AM	57	
2	Low	7:17 AM	0.1	7:48 PM	Set 12:32 PM		
2	High	1:33 PM	3.0				
2	Low	7:44 PM	0.4				
Fri. 3	High	1:53 AM	3.2	5:47 AM	Rise 2:12 AM	45	
3	Low	8:21 AM	0.1	7:49 PM	Set 1:39 PM		
3	High	2:33 PM	3.0				
3	Low	8:52 PM	0.3				
Sat. 4	High	2:53 AM	3.1	5:45 AM	Rise 2:44 AM	35	
4	Low	9:18 AM	0.1	7:51 PM	Set 2:44 PM		
4	High	3:32 PM	3.1				
4	Low	9:51 PM	0.2				
Sun. 5	High	3:52 AM	3.0	5:44 AM	Rise 3:15 AM	25	
5	Low	10:08 AM	0.0	7:52 PM	Set 3:47 PM		
5	High	4:29 PM	3.2				
5	Low	10:45 PM	0.1				
Mon. 6	High	4:49 AM	3.0	5:43 AM	Rise 3:45 AM	16	
6	Low	10:55 AM	0.0	7:53 PM	Set 4:49 PM		
6	High	5:21 PM	3.3				
6	Low	11:34 PM	0.1				
Tues. 7	High	5:41 AM	3.0	5:42 AM	Rise 4:15 AM	9	
7	Low	11:39 AM	0.0	7:54 PM	Set 5:50 PM		
7	High	6:07 PM	3.5				
Wed. 8	Low	12:21 AM	0.0	5:41 AM	Rise 4:48 AM	4	
8	High	6:28 AM	3.0	7:55 PM	Set 6:50 PM		
8	Low	12:22 PM	0.0				
8	High	6:48 PM	3.5				
Thur. 9	Low	1:06 AM	0.0	5:40 AM	Rise 5:23 AM	1	
9	High	7:12 AM	3.0	7:56 PM	Set 7:48 PM		
9	Low	1:04 PM	0.1				
9	High	7:27 PM	3.5				
Fri. 10	Low	1:49 AM	0.0	5:39 AM	Rise 6:01 AM	0	
10	High	7:54 AM	3.0	7:57 PM	Set 8:44 PM		
10	Low	1:44 PM	0.1				
10	High	8:05 PM	3.4				
Sat. 11	Low	2:29 AM	0.0	5:37 AM	Rise 6:43 AM	0	
11	High	8:35 AM	2.9	7:58 PM	Set 9:36 PM		
11	Low	2:23 PM	0.2				
11	High	8:42 PM	3.3				
Sun. 12	Low	3:08 AM	0.1	5:36 AM	Rise 7:29 AM	3	
12	High	9:18 AM	2.8	7:59 PM	Set 10:24 PM		
12	Low	3:01 PM	0.3				
12	High	9:19 PM	3.2				
Mon. 13	Low	3:46 AM	0.2	5:35 AM	Rise 8:19 AM	7	
13	High	10:02 AM	2.7	8:00 PM	Set 11:07 PM		
13	Low	3:38 PM	0.4				
13	High	9:58 PM	3.1				



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FISHING WITH TONY

Port Jeff Maritime Festival on Tap for This Weekend

As the boating and fishing seasons gain momentum you might want to put aside some time to visit the Village of Port Jefferson for the second annual Boater's Maritime Festival. The event will be held on May 4-5 from 11 am to 6 pm throughout downtown Port Jefferson, at the Waterfront and Harborside Park.

This year's comprehensive festival lineup has something for everyone interested in boats, fishing and outdoor recreation. For starters, there will be a boat exhibit with over 50 craft on display, and demonstrations of personal watercraft including kayaks, inflatable boats and paddleboards.

The highlight of the boat "fleet" will be the historic 75-foot schooner Mary E, a clipper built in 1906, an vessel that is essentially a floating museum. Other maritime-themed activities will consist of harbor cruises, sailing instruction and boat building demonstrations. The festival will also feature a clam shucking and eating contest, pirate shows, a treasure hunt, live entertainment and a living touch tank.

A variety of outdoor recreation seminars, demonstrations and talks will be presented by the Long Island Outdoor Communicators Network, a group of outdoors journalists, authors, photographers, videographers and artists.

Their scheduled presentations will include: a surf casting demonstration (Chuck Moore); Bucktailing for fluke by yours truly (Tony Salerno); a demonstration of Tenkara, a form of Japanese fly fishing (Morgan Lyle); a nature talk that focuses on an underwater journey of Long Island through the eyes of a fishing biologist (Chris Paparo); kayaking techniques and safety demonstrations (the crew from Captain Kayak); striped bass fishing techniques (Capt. Tom Mikoleski); an introduction to fly fishing and fly casting (Angelo Peluso); Labrador retriever retrieving demonstration (Dan Johnson and the L.I. Retriever Association); Fish N Kids lecture (Capt. Jerry McGrath); nature beach walk and talk (Chris Paparo, Eileen Gerle, Jan Porinchak); diving demonstrations and a gear exhibit table; writing for the great outdoors (Bob Banfelder and Donna Derasmo); and ongoing presentations on fly tying, teaser tying and making bucktails.

The L.I. outdoor communicators will also exhibit the art and photography of a number of the organization's members. This exhibit will be housed in the Village Center and will include images that depict wildlife, outdoor recreation and nature.

Among those exhibiting work will be Vito DeVito, renowned sporting and wildlife artist and sculptor; Paparo, whose magnificent fish and falconry photos will be on display; Porinchak, a naturalist, educator and fine artist; McGrath, former educator and wildlife photographer; and Angelo Puluso, whose photos and books will be exhibited. For more information, please visit www.portjeff.com