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National Safe Boating Council and NOAA's National Weather Service Partner for National Safe Boating Week

Partners offer boating and weather safety tips

Manassas, VA (May 23, 2017) – This year, millions of Americans will enjoy boating with family and friends. To ensure a fun, safe time on the water, the [National Safe Boating Council](#) (NSBC) and the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's](#) (NOAA's) [National Weather Service](#) (NWS) are proud to announce their ongoing partnership to promote new weather and boating safety public service announcements (PSAs) for National Safe Boating Week, May 20-26, 2017.

“What looks like a perfect day for boating can quickly become hazardous if you end up in the water or if bad weather moves into the area,” said Rachel Johnson, executive director of the NSBC, the lead organization for the North American Safe Boating Campaign. “You never know when there may be a boating mishap, so it’s important that everyone onboard always wears a life jacket and practices boating safety. This includes checking the weather forecast before going out for the day, and keeping an eye on changing weather.”

The NSBC and NOAA developed seven public service announcements to be played throughout National Safe Boating Week. Topics include: life jacket wear; fire extinguishers; boating under the influence; Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs); thunderstorm safety; hurricane preparedness for boaters; marine forecasts.

The PSAs and additional information can be found at nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/safeboating and SafeBoatingCampaign.com/resources/resource-kit/.

“Strong winds, lightning and excessive heat are some of the most dangerous weather hazards to boaters. Always check the weather forecast before leaving the shore, and get updates and alerts about changing weather conditions while on the water,” said Allison Allen, Chief of the Marine, Tropical, Tsunami Services Branch National Weather Service.

NSBC and NOAA will collaborate with other boating safety groups and organizations to encourage safe boating on the water during National Safe Boating Week and throughout the 2017 boating season. The NSBC is proud to be a [Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador](#), as a part of the National Weather Service's Weather Ready Nation Program.

About the National Safe Boating Council

The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education, outreach, and training. The NSBC accomplishes this mission by promoting outreach and research initiatives that support boating education and safety awareness; improving the professional development of boating safety educators through training; and developing and recognizing outstanding boating safety programs. To learn more about the NSBC and its programs, visit SafeBoatingCouncil.org, follow [@SafeBoatCouncil](#) and join us on [Facebook.com/NationalSafeBoatingCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/NationalSafeBoatingCouncil).

About NOAA's National Weather Service

Since 1870, NOAA's National Weather Service has been the U.S. supplier of the most up-to-date and accurate weather forecast and warning information to the public. The National Weather Service's marine forecasts www.weather.gov/marine provide timely weather information relating to U.S. coastal and offshore waters, the Great Lakes, and the open oceans to ensure the safety of life and protection of property, promote international and interstate commerce by improving the efficiency of marine operations, mitigate environmental impacts and enhance the quality of life for the United States. NOAA's National Ocean Service <http://www.oceanservice.noaa.gov> provides navigation products that protect lives, strengthen the maritime economy, and position America for the future. For more information, visit weather.gov. Be sure to follow NWS on Twitter, Facebook, and our other social media channels.

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