

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 70 million Americans will choose recreational boating as a way to relax in 2002; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, tragedies do occur on the water; and

WHEREAS, responsible boat operators learn about their boats, safety equipment, the environment in which they operate and their own abilities and limitations; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing that hundreds of lives could be saved each year by spreading safe boating information to the public, the Congress of the United States requested the President to proclaim annually one week as National Safe Boating Week; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, during the boating season, has trained Vessel Safety Examiners available at public boat ramps, marinas, campgrounds and other locations for voluntary, free examinations to assist boat owners in learning about the need and requirements for proper safety equipment and to encourage safe boating; and

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Alexandria, Virginia, affirm and support the goals of National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25, 2002, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary's effort to promote recreational boating safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2002, as:

"NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK"

in the City of Alexandria, and further urge all those who use our waterways to acquire skills and knowledge to maintain their own safety and the safety of those around them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of May 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk

FLOTILLA 14-2
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

May 14, 2002

To the Alexandria City Council

Flotilla 14-2, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, expresses its appreciation to the City of Alexandria, Mayor Kerry J. Donley and the Alexandria City Council for supporting safe boating by city residents and visitors to local waters through proclaiming May 19-25, 2002, National Safe Boating Week in the City of Alexandria.

This proclamation is an important element of Flotilla 14-2's ongoing mission, as part of Team Coast Guard, to help provide a safe and enjoyable on-water experience for recreational boaters in Northern Virginia.

This year's safe boating message is "Boat Smart from the Start – Wear Your Life Jacket!" The campaign will feature "Saved by the Jacket," stories of people whose lives were saved – or who were able to save others – because they were wearing a life jacket.

Flotilla 14-2 is proud of its designation as the "Alexandria" flotilla and to work with the City of Alexandria in encouraging all who enjoy the waters of the Potomac River, the Chesapeake Bay and their tributaries to "Boat Smart from the Start."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Wenzel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

John R. Wenzel
Flotilla Commander

America's Volunteer Lifesavers