

Good morning

On behalf of America's Boating Club – the United States Power Squadrons and our local Perdido Bay Power Squadron THANK YOU. By proclaiming National Safe Boating Week, May 18-24 you indicate your continued interest and support of boating safety throughout Baldwin County

As Cdr's of Perdido Bay Power Squadron Hal & I were regulars up here from 2004 to 2008 and again in 2012...I'm no more comfortable speaking here now than I was then...but I do have a message...SAFE BOATING EDUCATION SAVES LIVES, and our next class is May 18 at the Lillian Recreation Park.

In 2017, the latest official record offered by the Coast Guard, there were 4,291 boating accidents that resulted in 658 deaths. 500 (or 76%) of those were from drowning and of that number 425 (or 84.5%) were NOT wearing lifejackets. Only 14% of those deaths were on boats where the operator had boating safety education. Alcohol was the leading contributing factor in fatal accidents.

The take-away from this:

*Get Educated

*Wear your life jacket

*Stay sober

Y'all be safe, have fun! Wear your life jacket to work day is May 17!

THANK YOU