



TOWN OF YEMASSEE
National Safe Boating Week
Proclamation

WHEREAS; on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately three fourths of these deaths are caused by drownings; and

WHEREAS; the vast majority of these deaths are caused by human error or poor judgement and not by the boat, equipment or environmental factors and;

WHEREAS; a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets and;

WHEREAS; the U.S. Coast Guard prepared a resolution, and on June 4, 1958, President Dwight D Eisenhower signed PL-85-445, to establish National Safe Boating Week as the first Sunday in June. In 1995, the date for National Safe Boating Week was changed to the full week before Memorial Day Weekend each year. This allowed the message of safe boating to reach more boaters before the season and enforce the message for a longer amount of time each year and;

WHEREAS; Flotila 10-1 D7, Port Royal Sound Foundation covers the Town of Yemassee waterways abutting Binden Plantation on the Pocotaligo River by patrolling and verifying aids to navigation. Their members constantly exhibit compassion, professionalism and understanding in the performance of their duties.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Colin J Moore, Mayor of the Town of Yemassee, along with the Yemassee Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16th – 22nd, 2020 as National Boating Safety Week in the Town of Yemassee.

Colin J Moore, Mayor