

**WAKULLA COUNTY
PROCLAMATION**

**DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF MAY 2010 AS BOATING
SAFETY WEEK IN WAKULLA COUNTY**

Whereas, recreational boating continues to grow in popularity and millions of Americans are choosing this activity as an ideal way to relax with their families; and

Whereas, the increasing public participation in this healthy outdoors sport has emphasized the need for greater attention to courtesy and safety to minimize incidents which often lead to boating mishaps; and

Whereas, on the average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; nearly 70% of these are caused by drowning; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lost their lives would be alive today had they worn their life jacket; and

Whereas, the Flotilla 12 St. Marks and Flotilla 13 Shell Point-District 8 Coastal Region of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary supports safe boating and provides safety programs for the general public which result in our waterways having a safer and almost accident free record.

Now, therefore, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the third week of May 2010 as Boating Safety week in Wakulla County, Florida, this 17th day of May, 2010.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: _____
HOWARD KESSLER, Chairman