



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, users of Connecticut waterways anticipate the warm weather of the summer months and will engage in a variety of boating activities for relaxation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut's waterways are enjoyable, but can sometimes pose dangers; and

WHEREAS, each year, as boating season arrives, it is important to remind boaters that Connecticut is a cold water state and that boaters should dress for accidental exposure; and

WHEREAS, 84% of the people who drowned in boating accidents on US waters did not wear a life jacket and most would have survived if one had been worn; and

WHEREAS, today's life jackets are comfortable, attractive and wearable; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is joined by the US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Power Squadrons, and Connecticut public and private sector partners as force multipliers in promoting safe and responsible boating on the water now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, a week dedicated to boating safety is an opportunity to focus on the importance of safety precautions and prudent behavior when spending time on the water; now

THEREFORE, I, DANIEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of May 16 – 22, 2015 as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in the State of Connecticut, and urge all Connecticut boaters to join DEEP and its partners to wear their life jackets and practice safe boating habits.




GOVERNOR