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National Safe Boating Week is May 21-27, 2022

National Safe Boating Week is May 21-27, 2022. The week is a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible. Delaware Safety Council reminds all Delaware boaters to brush up on their boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season.

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities in 2020, and that 86 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

Delaware Safety Council offers the official DNREC approved Boating Safety Course. This classroom course complies with Delaware State Law. This 8-hour classroom Boating Safety course is taught by certified instructors and is fully sanctioned by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). Classes are available on Saturdays, May 4th, 11th, and 17th, call (302) 276-0660 to register.

Successful completion of the course is mandatory for persons born after January 1, 1978, in order to operate *a boat or jet ski* on Delaware waters. After successfully completing the course and passing the examination, students will receive a Delaware Safety Boating Certificate.

Delaware Safety Council recommends boaters to check their equipment before setting out, always wear a life jacket, make a float plan by letting someone on shore know your trip itinerary, follow the law and use an engine cut-off device, watch the weather, always know what's going on around you, never boat under the influence and travel at safe speeds.

About the Delaware Safety Council

The Delaware Safety Council (DSC) was established in 1919 by DuPont Company President Irénée du Pont. It was the first state safety council in the country. The Delaware Safety Council is a private, non-governmental, non-profit 501(c)3 safety resource and training organization. Our Mission is to promote the protection of life and health in the workplace, in the home, on the highway, and in the community by actively providing education/training resources and services. Additional information about the Delaware Safety Council and its programs is available at delawresafety.org or by calling (302) 276-066.

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