



PROCLAMATION

Safe Boating Week
May 16-22, 2009

WHEREAS, recreational boating is a popular seasonal activity, and the City of Santa Barbara offers considerable resources to accommodate a variety of pleasure-boating needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara, United States Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and U.S. Power Squadron use this time of year to promote safe boating and to remind boaters of the Maritime Rules of the Road, which includes avoiding alcohol consumption and taking drugs while operating a boat; and

WHEREAS, an average of 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, the majority of which are caused by operator inattention, carelessness or reckless operation; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who perish by drowning would be alive had they worn life jackets and observed safe boating practices; and

WHEREAS, knowledge, skill and training are essential in reducing human error and improving human judgment,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2009 as **SAFE BOATING WEEK** and urge all who use our waterways for recreational boating to wear their life jackets and acquire safe-boating knowledge and skills for their own safety and for the safety of others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 19th day of May, 2009.



Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR