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**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK
May 16th - 22nd, 2026**

For over 100 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling and fishing. During the National Safe Boating Week, the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Safe Boating Council, along with federal, state and local safe boating partners encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly.

Safe boating begins with preparation. The Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 75 percent of boating fatalities. Through basic boating safety procedures – carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks and staying sober when navigating – we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season.

National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year.

- WHEREAS,** on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S., 75 percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and
- WHEREAS,** recreational boating, fishing and paddling are enjoyed by residents and visitors throughout the Territory; and
- WHEREAS,** safe boating practices greatly reduce the risk of accidents, injuries and loss of life on the water; and
- WHEREAS,** National Safe Boating Week is a nationwide effort led by the United States Coast Guard and the National Safe Boating Council to promote responsible boating and life jacket wear; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in American Samoa works year-round to provide boating safety education, free Vessel Safety Checks, and public outreach to our community; and

WHEREAS, the majority of boating fatalities can be prevented through simple safety practices such as wearing life jackets, boating sober, taking safety courses, filing float plans and carrying proper safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Government of American Samoa recognizes the importance of promoting boating safety to protect our families, fishermen, paddlers and all who enjoy our waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2026 as National Safe Boating Week in American Samoa, and I encourage all residents and visitors to practice safe and responsible boating, wear life jackets and help keep our waters safe for everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.


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**POLOA'IGA FA'ALAU'ITELE
VAIASO SAOGALEMŪ O VA'A O LE ATUNU'U
Me 16 - 22, 2026**

E silia ma le 100 miliona tagata Amerika, o lo'o fa'auau pea ona avea va'a ma fiafiaga sili ma le ta'uta'ua. O lo'o folau ai i le gataifale ma so'o se mea o lo'o o atu ai e fiafia fa'atasi i fagotaga, aemaise taimi e fa'amanatu ai le Atunu'u le Vaiaso o le Saogalemū o Va'a, ma le Vaega o Puipuga o le Gataifale o le Iunaite Setete, (US Coast Guard) fa'atasi ai ma Feterale, Setete ma pa'aga i le lotoifale e su'esu'e ma fiafia i ogāsami matagofie o Amerika.

O le Saogalemū o Va'a, e amata i tapenaga lelei. Ua fa'ailoa e le Coast Guard fa'atinoga ese'ese e le'o sa'o ona faia e tagata e māfua ai le tele o fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i i va'a, ma e mafai e ofu fa'aola ona puipuia le lata i le 75 pasene o fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i. O faiga fa'avae mo le saogalemū o va'a fa'aola i fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i, feso'ota'iga, meafaigaluega, ofuina o ofu fa'aola, 'auai i vasega saogalemū mo va'a, 'auai le su'esu'ega o le saogalemū o va'a ma le fa'afoeina o va'a ma le fa'autauta. E mafai ona matou fesoasoani e fa'amautinoa tagata o lo'o feoa'i i va'a i gataifale o Amerika, o lotoifale ma ogasami, ina ia tumau le saogalemū.

Ua mata'itūina le Vaiaso Saogalemū o Va'a a le Atunu'u, e fa'ailoa mai ai le fa'aulufale mai o fautuaga mo le fa'asaoina o le ola o tagata o lo'o fiafia e folau ma fagota i va'a i luga o le vasa, ina ia saogalemū mai a'afiaga e tutupu i luga o le vasa.

TALU AI, pe tusa ma le 650 tagata e maliliu i tausaga ta'itasi i fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i e mafua mai i va'a, i totonu o le Iunaite Setete; 75 pasene o nei tagata e maliliu ona e malelemo; ma

TALU AI, o va'a folau, va'a fagota, ma va'a e alo i foe, e fiafia i ai tagata, ma tagata asiasi i le Teritori atoa; ma

TALU AI, o auala saogalemū i va'a ina ia fa'aiti'itia ai le lamatia i fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i, e maliliu ma manunu'a ai i luga o le sami; ma

TALU AI, o le Vaiaso Saogalemū o Va'a o le Atunu'u, o se fuafuaga a le atunu'u atoa e i lalo o le ta'ita'iaga a le Iunaite Setete Coast Guard, ma le Fa'apotopotoga o le Saogalemū o Va'a o le Atunu'u, latou te fa'amamaluina va'a ma ofu fa'aola; ma

TALU AI, o lo'o galulue i le tausaga atoa le Vaega a le Iunaite Setete Coast Guard Auxiliary i Amerika Samoa, e tu'uina atu a'oa'oga i le tausaga atoa mo le Saogalemū o Va'a, su'esu'ega saogalemū e faia fua mo va'a, ma fa'asalalauga fa'alaua'itele i lō tatou atunu'u; ma

TALU AI, e mafai ona puipuia le tele o ē maliliu e ala i auala saogalemū faigofie e pei o le ofuina o ofu fa'aola, fa'afoeina va'a ma le fa'autauta, faia o a'oa'oga tau saogalemū, ma le fa'aogaina o meafaigaluega mo le saogalemū; ma

TALU AI, ua silafia e le Mālō o Amerika Samoa le tāua o le fa'alauiloaina o le saogalemū o va'a e puipui ai o tatou tagata faifaiva, o aiga, o le 'au alo foe, ma i latou uma e fiafia i o tatou ogasami.

ONA O LEA, O A'U, PULAALI' I NIKOLAO PULA, Kovana o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, ou te faia nei folafolaga i le aso 16-22 o Me, 2026 o le Vaiaso Saogalemū o Va'a o le Atunu'u i Amerika Samoa, ma ou te fautuaina tagata uma ma tagata asiasi ina ia fa'ata'ita'i ala o le saogalemū, fai ofu fa'aola ma fesoasoani ia saogalemū o tatou ogāsami mo tagata uma;

I LONA MOLIMAUINA, ua ou tu'uina ai la'u saina ma le fa'aailoga o lo'u tofiga i le aso 14 leni o Me, i le tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i e lua afe luasefulu ma le ono.


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Kovana