

National Safe Boating Campaign

# NEWS

***Boat Smart.  
Boat Safe.  
Wear It!***

## Something for Everyone

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National Safe Boating Week is coming, May 19-25. Have you ordered your supplies for your PA booth or your VSC station? There's a wealth of material available through the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC), the National Safe Boating Council and the BoatUS Foundation.

Whether your boating safety booth is inside a Wal-Mart or outside a West Marine store, at a marina or a shopping mall, you want to attract the boating public. You'll need a good assortment of safe boating literature for the new boater, the young boater and the old salts.

The Auxiliary National Supply Center has a vast supply of pamphlets, posters, brochures and booklets to meet the boaters' needs. There's something for everyone. Order through your Materials Officer or your Flotilla Commander. Here's a sampling of the items from ANSC:

For the paddler, order "You're In Command-Paddle Safe-Have Fun." (ANSC #3029). For the houseboater, select, "Five Tons and No Brakes" (#3039). Anglers, campers and hunters need "Safe Boating Tips" (#3031). For all recreational boaters, have plenty of "Federal Requirements and Safety Tips" on hand (#3006). Kids like coloring and activity booklets, so order "Inky the Whale" and "Officer Snook;" (#4014) and (#4010).

To emphasize the "Wear It!" theme of the 2007 Safe Boating Campaign, order the new poster, "Which Life Jacket?" (#3505). It's a free-standing, laminated poster depicting the right PFD for the type of boat.

The National Safe Boating Council also has many good resources for you to display and hand out to the public. Order materials online at their website: [www.safeboatingcampaign.com](http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com). "Wear It!" posters and stickers are included among the many free resources offered. Signs, banners and the "Boating Safety Sidekicks" books for children are among the "paid" items.

Another good resource is the BoatUS Foundation's website: [www.boatus.com/foundation/toolbox](http://www.boatus.com/foundation/toolbox). Download a boatload of information, from life jackets to marine communications. There's something for every boater.

As you hand out the materials, remind the boaters to get a vessel safety check, take a boating safety class, boat sober and of course, "Wear It!"

