

**CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, over 55 people have died and over 400 injuries occurred in boating related accidents in Florida in each of the last three years; and

Whereas, U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in three-fourths of recreational boating fatalities in those years, and that 85 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets; and

Whereas, Port Canaveral combines one of the busiest cruise and commercial operations with large numbers of recreational boaters operating in and passing through the Port; and

Whereas, U.S. Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral along with Flotilla 17-06, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Cocoa, Florida, has steadfastly and consistently provided education, training, and safety patrols to aid in reducing the number and impact of boating injuries, reducing the number of boating related deaths, and increasing the number of boaters using life jackets; and

Whereas, Port Canaveral, Florida recognizes the human and intrinsic value of improved boater safety in its environs,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Canaveral Port Authority, in conjunction with Flotilla 17-6, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, recognizes May 20-27, 2017 as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IN PORT CANAVERAL, FLORIDA.

In Witness Whereof, the Canaveral Port Authority urges all those who boat to practice safe boating habits.

Tom Weinberg, Chairman

Attest:

Jerry Allender, Secretary/Treasurer