


DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police encourage public to 'Wear Your Life Jacket to Work' May 17

DOVER – DNREC's Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police  are endorsing "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day" on Friday, May 17, joining boating professionals and outdoor enthusiasts to promote life jackets always being worn as a safe boating practice. Wearing a life jacket to work heightens awareness of the different life jackets available and their comfort and versatility.

The annual event, hosted by the National Safe Boating Council, serves as a fun, educational day just prior to the start of National Safe Boating Week, May 18-24, the official launch of the 2019 Safe Boating Campaign. Educating the boating public about the safety and comfort of life jackets remains a main focus of the campaign. Members of the boating public, as well as those interested in showing the wearability of life jackets, are encouraged to participate.

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police, along with the National Safe Boating Council, are asking all participants to take a picture of themselves in their life jacket while at work and post it on social media using [#lifejacket2work](#), [#safeboating](#) and [#DEFWNRPolice](#).

The most recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics from 2017 show that 76 percent of fatalities in boating accidents were due to drowning where the cause of death was known. In cases where life jacket use was noted, 84.5 percent of drowning victims were not wearing life jackets.

For more information on this event, or boating safety in

Delaware, contact Delaware Boating Safety & Education Coordinator Sgt. Brooke Mitchell at 302-739-9913 or email brooke.mitchell@delaware.gov.

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