



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK”

- WHEREAS** *The City of Victoria sits on the stunning waterfront of Salish Seas; and*
- WHEREAS** *Traditionally, the long weekend of May marks the unofficial start of summer and the beginning of the boating season, when countless Victoria visitors and residents begin heading out to enjoy our magnificent ocean and lakes throughout the province- participating in every type of boating, from a relaxing canoe ride or a kayak trip, a power or sailboat cruise, to a great day on the lake, fishing; and*
- WHEREAS** *Each year residents and visitors to our waterfront enjoy safe recreational boating with their friends and families, spending millions of dollars annually, which generates a positive impact on the city economy; and*
- WHEREAS** *All boaters and participants in water activities should be aware of the risks that exist upon the water and are reminded to practice safe and responsible boating habits, including completing a safe boating course, wearing a lifejacket, properly equipping and inspecting their vessel, being cold water safe, and boating sober; and*
- WHEREAS** *The City of Victoria will continue to work with our partners- the Canadian Safe Boating Council, Transport Canada’s Office of Boating Safety, the Canadian Coast Guard, and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary along with our own law enforcement, and with other boating enthusiasts- as we join in observance of Safe Boating Awareness Week and support its worthy cause.*
- NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 20th, as “SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.*

MARIANNE ALTO
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Transport Canada Office
of Boating Safety and
Canada Safe Boating Council