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**\*\*\*For Immediate Release\*\*\***

## **Media Release Boating Rescue**

**Date:** 6/1/22

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**Incident:** 22C08322

**Location:** Rimrock lake

**Date:** 5/29/22

Narrative:

On 5/29/22 at about 1600 Hrs, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a call from a male on Rimrock Lake who advised that he and his 12-year-old son were on Rimrock Lake and that the motor to his 16-foot boat had stopped working and he was not able to get the motor re-started. The male caller reported that the wind had picked up and that the wind was blowing them towards the bank and rocks along the lake near the highway side and that they needed assistance.

Deputy Swallow with the Yakima County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit happened to be on patrol on White Pass and was in the area of Rimrock Lake and responded.

The 51-year-old male and his 12-year-old son from the Olympia area were located along the lake bank near milepost 164 of SR12.

The bank in that area was steep. A volunteer with the Naches Fire who had heard the call put out was in the area and responded to help. He had a length of rope, and the father and son were pulled up the bank to safety.

One of the YSO Marine Boats was called for and with the help of two Washington Fish and Game Officers who had arrived, the boat was retrieved and towed to the boat launch.

It was discovered that the bow line had fallen into the water and trailer under the boat and had gotten wrapped around the prop of the motor, causing the boat motor to stop running.



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Both the father and the son were wearing life jackets at the time.

There was only minor damage to the boat.

This is a reminder to all boaters to pay attention to ropes attached to you boats while under way.