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## Press Release

### Operation Dry Water July 2<sup>nd</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>

A reminder to the boating public, that the Yakima County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Deputies, partnered with other Law Enforcement agencies will be out on local waterways this weekend, July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> in support of the national Operation Dry Water campaign in an effort to reduce the number of boating collision which can result in fatalities and injuries nationwide.

A Boating While Under the Influence (BUI) charge carries a fine of \$1000.00 or more.

In addition to looking for impaired boat operators, Deputies will be conducting safety inspections of boats and watching for individuals who are operating boats in a reckless manner which can lead to a \$500.00 fine.

Make sure that you are prepared and have all of the required equipment. Life Jackets (PFDs) that are Coast Guard approved. That the PFD's are in good condition.

Boater Education cards are required of all skippers borne after January 1, 1955 and you are operating a boat with a motor 15 HP or over. If you are new to boating and just purchased a new boat, don't panic, you have a 60-day exemption from the date of purchase to obtain your Boater Education. Failure to have a Boater Education is a \$99.00 fine.



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To operate a Personal Watercraft, you must be at least 14 years old. You must also be wearing your PFD while on a personal watercraft and the lanyard-type cutoff switch lanyard must be attached to your person, clothing or PFD.

Let's all have a fun, enjoyable and safe boating weekend.

Deputy Scot Swallow  
Yakima County Sheriff's Office  
Marine Patrol Unit.