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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE  
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# PROCLAMATION

I, JEFF LEHMAN, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

**May 18, 2019 - May 24, 2019**

as

## Safe Boating Awareness Week

**WHEREAS;** Recreational boating has grown into one of our Nation's most popular pastimes, and as the summer approaches, many people will enjoy our country's beautiful waters. During CPS Safe Boating Awareness Week, held in partnership with Transport Canada, we highlight our Nation's commitment to 'Safety on the Water'; and

**WHEREAS;** By promoting the use of appropriate safety measures, we can save more lives and further reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused by boating accidents. The five main components of the CPS Canadian Safe Boating Week will focus on: wear your life jacket; don't drink and boat; take a boating skills course; beware of cold water risks; and be prepared. By undertaking to put into practice these five life-saving habits, boaters can keep themselves and others safe as they enjoy our waterways. Despite all the publicity, not wearing a lifejacket/PFD and alcohol consumption remain the leading causes of boating fatalities across the country; and

**WHEREAS;** The Barrie Power and Sail Squadron, a unit of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, promotes safe boating through education and information for all recreational boaters. Furthermore, during the boating season, volunteer specialists of the Squadron provide Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks free of charge to advise boat owners as to whether the vessel meets the safety standards set by Canadian boating regulations and to emphasize safe boating practices. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.barriecps.org](http://www.barriecps.org) for local information on the Barrie Power and Sail Squadron. 2019 marks the 63rd year that the Barrie Squadron has been promoting boating safety; and

**WHEREAS;** During its 81 years of existence, the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons organization has increased awareness and knowledge of safe boating by educating and informing members and the general public, thereby contributing to safer recreational boating in Canada.

**THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Lehman, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **May 18 to May 24, 2019** as "**Safe Boating Awareness Week**" and encourage everyone to learn more about safe boating practices and always engage in proper and responsible conduct while on the water.



Jeff Lehman,  
Mayor