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# PROCLAMATION

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

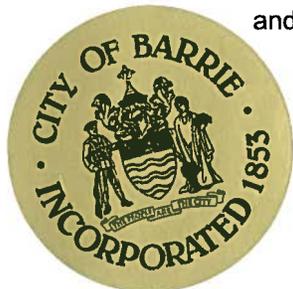
do hereby proclaim

**May 19, 2018 - May 25, 2018**

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 goals, boaters can keep themselves and others safe as they enjoy our waterways. Sadly, boating fatalities reached an eight year high in 2017 with 31 deaths in Ontario alone – and the leading causes were not wearing a lifejacket/PFD or alcohol consumption; 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 of 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. 2018 marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Barrie Squadron promoting boating safety; and
- WHEREAS;** During its 80 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 19 to May 25, 2018** 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