

Ripples

Journal



*"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."
Ryunosuke Satoro*

*A quarterly journal produced by the
USACE National Water Safety Program
with help from everyone within USACE
that promotes water safety.*



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®

**ISSUE 07
NOVEMBER 2024**

UTILIZE THIS JOURNAL TO...

- Showcase agency-wide what your division, district, or project is doing to promote water safety.
- Share your water safety initiatives to spark ideas in others.
- Show that you care about saving lives on our nation's waterways and that you have fun doing it.



Your Help Is Needed to Make This Journal As Good As It Can Be.

- Send your water safety initiatives to your Division Representative on the National Water Safety Committee at any time.

- Include good quality pictures whenever possible.

- If it pertains to water safety send it in including but not limited to interpretive programs, special events, displays, promotional products, partnerships, visitor assistance items, etc.

- **Primary topics:**

1st Quarter (Oct - Dec) Life Jacket Loaner Stations and Drives

2nd Quarter (Jan - Mar) Water Safety Partnerships especially those with local businesses

3rd Quarter (Apr - Jun) Water Safety Promotional Products and I Got Caught Initiatives

4th Quarter (Jul - Sep) Media Tactics used to promote water safety and Water Safety Trailers

Your Division Representatives on the National Water Safety Committee

LRD-Chelsea.J.Jones

NAD-Jenna.M.Conner

MVD-Erica L. Nabers

NWD/POD-Tana K. Wilson

SPD-Pamela.B.Bowie

SAD-Emily A. Jones

SWD-Abby L. Jones

Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Water Safety Initiatives

Buffalo District (LRB)



Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area
Park Rangers presented water safety interpretive programs and staffed water safety tables at various events throughout the summer at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Letchworth State Park, and Livingston County Family Fun Fest at Al Lorenz Park.

Chicago District (LRC)

On September 6, 12, and 13, 2024, Upper Wabash Park Rangers presented water safety programs at the River Wild event on the Wabash River. This event had a couple hundred high schoolers go kayaking on the river with a local group. The park rangers discussed water safety and how to properly fit life jackets before the students got on the water and at one of the stops along the river park rangers explained to the groups of students why dams are in place and what the importance is for the area.

Huntington District (LRH)

Paint Creek Lake

Conducted a "Paddle With a Ranger" event. Park rangers took a group of people paddling and before getting on the water they discussed water safety with them and showed them how to properly fit their life jackets.



Presented a water safety interpretive program that included kayaking techniques at a local kids camp.

Helped conduct an Operation Fish with a Hero event at the lake. The event is a way to honor veterans. During the event park rangers provided water safety tips to the attendees.



Louisville District (LRL)

July - September 2024

Park rangers across the District held and attended events promoting water safety including at the "USACE at the BATS" Louisville BATS baseball game, Ohio State Fair, Friends of Barren River Lake & Park's annual Poker Run, Green River Lake Fishing Derby, Patoka Lake Hispanic outreach at Dubios Co. ALASA.

Water safety radio ads across the District were broadcasted, as well as multiple interviews conducted on local televised news stations.

Two new life jacket loaner stations were installed at Green River Lake.

Nashville District (LRN)

In July 2024, projects conducted weekly water safety interpretive programs at Barkley, J. Percy Priest, Center Hill, and Dale Hollow Lakes. Cheatham, Cordell Hull, Center Hill, and J. Percy Priest Lakes conducted events in campgrounds to promote water safety and various STEM initiatives. Old Hickory Lake interns presented water safety interpretive programs at recreation areas, marinas, community centers, and assisted Bledsoe Creek State Park with their Junior Ranger program.

In August 2024, park rangers from J. Percy Priest and Old Hickory Lakes staffed a booth at the Tennessee State Fair on August 15-24. Dale Hollow park rangers presented water safety interpretive programs at the Clay County Safety Day and at the Cookeville YMCA's Learn to Swim program. Several projects had sidewalk chalk contests in their campgrounds leading up to Labor Day weekend. Lake Barkley park rangers provided water safety information to those that participated in their duck blind drawings.

J. Percy Priest Lake

Seeking Bilingual Spanish Translator and Outreach Volunteer. Looking for an enthusiastic individual to join their volunteer team as a Spanish/bilingual translator. In this role, the volunteer will help communicate important water safety messages to the Spanish-speaking community at various events, including school programs, local community centers, and special gatherings.

Pittsburgh District (LRP)

On July 13, 2024, Supervisory Operations Specialist Mark Eberle and River Ranger Chelsea Jones represented USACE at the Annual Allegheny River Development Corporation Rockin' For Lockin' Boaters Bash at Lighthouse Marina. Over 700 Pittsburgh area residents interacted with USACE staff to learn about water safety and other topics.



On July 14, 2024, park rangers provided information about water safety and USACE missions during a Touch-a-Truck event. Over 400 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.

Conemaugh Lake

Park Ranger April Richards presented water safety interpretive programs to 280 6th - 8th graders from Ligonier Valley School District as part of a field trip to Keystone State Park. This event was a collaborative effort with the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

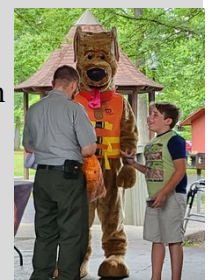


Stonewall Jackson Lake



Celebrated West Virginia National Hunting and Fishing Day by providing the Outdoor Youth Challenge, which included six demonstrations and forty vendors. Kids were encouraged to participate in at least 10 of the 24 challenges to be registered to win the prize. Park rangers staffed a boating and water safety challenge booth to educate families on rules, regulations, and being prepared when recreating on our nation's waterways. 1,500 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.

Partnered with the Stockert Youth Center to celebrate the Children's Festival in Buckhannon, WV where several organizations come together and provide value resources and fun for all families. Park rangers promoted water safety during the event, which includes appearances from Bobber the Water Safety Dog.



Park Rangers Hannah and Payne promoted water safety during the Summer Bash in Elkins, WV. Bobber the Water Safety Dog made appearances during the event.

Mississippi Valley Division Water Safety Initiatives

Vicksburg District (MVK)

The MVK District Water Safety Team conducted a six-week “Wear It to Win It” photo contest from Memorial Weekend through 4th of July. The last week of the contest 54 photos were sent for their last chance to win in the contest. Each week’s winner had their choice of two nights free camping at any MVK campgrounds or a day-use facility for a day. At the end of the contest a grand prize winner was selected, which was the best picture out of the six weeks. The grand prize winner had their choice of four nights free camping at any MVK campgrounds or a USACE annual day use pass. Picture to the right is the grand prize winning photo.



Lake Ouachita and DeGray Lake

On June 5, 2024, Lake Ouachita Natural Resources Specialist Amy Shultz along with DeGray Lake Natural Resources Specialist Jeffrey Arthur presented three water safety interpretive programs to 556 kindergartens, first, and fourth grade students.



Lake Ouachita



On July 9, 2024, Natural Resources Specialist Amy Shultz presented water safety and snake interpretive programs to a group of 189 children and adults at the Garland County Library as part of their summer learning program.

DeGray Lake

On July 18, 2024, Natural Resources Specialist Jeffrey Arthur presented information on USACE missions and water safety at a Magnolia Rotary Club meeting with approximately 20 members present.



Lake Greeson



Natural Resources Specialist Diane Golden presented a water safety interpretive program to the Pike County 4-H Club. The group consisted of six children and two adults. Prior to the water safety program, the children made boats out of cardboard boxes and supplies their club leaders provided them. After the water safety program, Natural Resources Specialist Golden took the club down to the nearby marina boat ramp to test the cardboard boats on the water.

Grenada and Sardis Lakes

On September 4, 2024, donated loaner life jackets were delivered to Grenada and Sardis Lakes. Each lake received over 100 life jackets that will be used to stock life jacket loaner stations at swimming areas and boat ramps. Progressive Insurance donated the loaner life jackets through a partnership with the American Park Network and The Corps Foundation in cooperation with the USACE National Water Safety Program.



Grenada Lake

On July 27-28, 2024, Pathways Student Coby Williams helped staff a water safety booth at the Bill Dance Mississippi River Monsters Mega Bucs Pro Series Catfish Tournament in Vicksburg, MS. Approximately 1,000 direct interpretive contacts were made during the event.



Enid Lake



On July 9, 10, and 16, 2024, Natural Resources Specialists presented water safety and other information to 75 teachers during teacher workshops at the Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery.

Bayou Bodcau Lake

Natural Resources Specialists Gary Johnson and Jacob Osborne staffed a water safety booth at the Bass Pro Fall Hunting Classic. 375 direct water safety contacts were made during the event.

On September 28, 2024, conducted a National Hunting and Fishing Day event in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Tom Merrill Campground. An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people attended this annual family friendly event to enjoy the start of Fall and to learn about natural resources, water safety, and hunting safety.

J.Bennett Johnston Regional Waterway Visitor Center

Park Ranger Amanda Mauel presented a water safety interpretive program to a group of 60 from Shreveport Aquarium Summer Camp.

The Caddo Parks and Rec Department held their two week Nature of Art Summer Camp at J. Bennett Johnston Regional Waterway Visitor Center for 40 people. Natural Resource Specialist Destiny Garcia presented environmental stewardship and water safety interpretive programs during the camp.

Grand Ecore Visitor Center

The Cane River Children's Services toured the Grand Ecore Visitor Center and Natural Resources Specialist Heidi Goldsmith presented an interpretive program on local cultural resources, locks and dams, and water safety to the group.

Cornerstone Christian Homeschool toured the Grand Ecore Visitor Center and Park Ranger Nicole Cahill and Natural Resources Specialist Destiny Garcia presented an interpretive program on local cultural resources, USACE missions, and water safety to the group. 58 direct water safety contacts were made.

Natural Resources Specialist Destiny Garcia presented a water safety interpretive program at a local YMCA during their Swim for Life program for Caddo Parish 2nd graders. The program was created in response to six teenagers drowning in the Red River in 2010.

New Orleans District (MVN)



All projects installed water safety banners at entrances and inspected life jacket loaner stations and life ring cabinets.

Ranger Soileau handed out water safety fisherman hand towels provided by the USACE National Water Safety Program to adults fishing on Henderson Lake.



Bonnet Carré Spillway

On September 20 and 21, 2024, the annual King Kat Fishing Rodeo took place in the River Parishes. During the event Park Rangers Paige Zeringue and Austin LeRay provided water safety and hunting and fishing information to attendees.

St. Paul District (MVP)

Sandy Lake Recreation Area

Park rangers conducted a field trip with students from Big Sandy Water Institute, a local environmental education summer program. The students participated in numerous different water-related activities such as kayaking, paddleboarding, dam building, and driving the educational water safety boats. The importance of water safety and wearing a life jacket were major talking points prior to the activities.



Eau Galle Recreation Area

Park staff re-painted the pavement stencils on their boat landings.

Mississippi Headwaters Project

Staff participated in several local town festival parades throughout the summer months to promote water safety. Parades often featured Bobber the Water Safety Dog, water safety banners, USACE vessels, and park rangers and volunteers passing out water safety giveaway items.



Cross Lake Recreation Area

Conducted a water safety sidewalk art contest over the 4th of July weekend. Twenty entrants participated in decorating a park sidewalk with water safety messages.



Rock Island District (MVR)

The Rock Island District Water Safety Team worked together to create two new water safety stickers that will be used throughout the district. These stickers remind visitors “Don’t Leave Shore Without It!” One of the stickers features the Rock Island District’s “Bud” the Goat!



Coralville Lake



Their “I Got Caught” initiative included handing out t-shirts and insulated lunch bags to individuals caught wearing a life jacket. The t-shirts were obtained through a partnership with the Friends of Coralville Lake and the insulated lunch bags were donated to USACE by The Corps Foundation.

Park rangers and Bobber the Water Safety Dog participated in the Solon, IA annual Beef Days Parade, which is an annual community celebration dating back to 1971. Thousands of people attend this parade every year and is a great opportunity to promote water safety.



Park rangers staffed booths and interactive areas at three community events; Herbert Hoover Days, Safety Village, and Pelican Fest to promote water safety by handing out water safety giveaways, teaching kids how to properly wear life jackets and use throw rings/bags, and utilizing the project’s water safety trailer. 1614 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made from all three events.

Coralville Lake hosted a local high school women’s swim team for their annual swim across the lake event. Forty-two swim team members swam across a shallow area of the lake while wearing life jackets and were accompanied by multiple kayaks if any emergency assistance was needed.



Campfire programs occurred every Saturday at Sugar Bottom Campground from May to October. Each program began with a short water safety message and accompanied with water safety giveaways at the end of every program.



Saylorville Lake



On July 18, 2024, Park Rangers Phipps and Drendel conducted a Saylorville Lake Junior Ranger Camp. The junior rangers learned about the many different roles that park rangers play and about the natural environment around them. Lessons included mammals, plant identification, and water safety.

On August 4, 2024, park rangers staffed a water safety table at the Clowns at the Carousel event to promote water safety to children of the Des Moines metro area. Kids were also able to play games, where they earned prizes for answering water safety questions correctly. Around 500 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.



On August 6, 2024, park rangers staffed a water safety table at the annual Polk County Sheriff's Office National Night Out. Additionally, a patrol boat was brought along to the event to display to the public and park rangers could educate attendees on the required equipment that is needed on vessels. Around 250 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.

Park rangers from Lake Red Rock and Saylorville Lake joined forces again this year to set up a booth at the Iowa State Fair. The booth offered water safety giveaways and information about each lake. Throughout the ten days of the fair, park rangers, staff, and volunteers made 10,435 direct interpretive contacts.



Lake Red Rock



Interpretive staff and volunteers presented a Junior Rangers day camp for area 8–10-year-old kids. Participants received water safety messages during their dam tour about staying away from the restricted area below the dam and also took part in a “Sink Fast” activity showing the importance of wearing a properly fitted life jacket when boating.

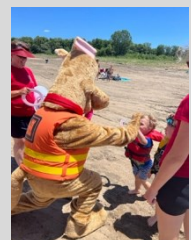
Approximately 9 children took part in this year's day camp. Water safety messaging regarding life jacket wear and safe paddling was also provided to approximately 22 participants during two Outdoor Adventurers day camps prior to the kayaking/canoeing activity.

Staff from Lake Red Rock and Saylorville Lake partnered again in July to promote water safety at the Iowa Cubs game on July 30, 2024. Andy Jones and Tracy Spry along with Volunteer Natalie Mong spread the water safety message to baseball fans attending the game. Bobber the Water Safety Dog met fans as they entered the stadium to hand out water safety items and was able to stand on the field as the National Anthem was sung before the start of the game! The two lakes also have a partnership in place allowing USACE to have a water safety banner on the outfield wall and picnic tables that are wrapped in water safety messages around the stadium.



During the last day of the Knoxville Nationals, Sprint Car driver Dan Henning also joined Bobber the Water Safety Dog and Park Ranger Tracy Spry at the Whitebreast Beach to showcase Dan's sprint car and share the “Wear Your Gear” water safety message with beachgoers. Dan has partnered with USACE for several years to promote life jacket wear among race fans.

Bobber the Water Safety Dog visited with beachgoers during the summer on three different dates to encourage life jacket wear, remind adults to always watch their children, to swim with a buddy, and other water safety messages. Youngsters enjoyed giving Bobber hugs and high-fives during their time together!



Mississippi River Project

On August 17, 2024, Mississippi River Project staff at Locks and Dam 15 assisted in conducting the 15th annual Floatzilla event. This Quad Cities event sees paddlers launching from different points on the Mississippi River and eventually gather up at Lake Potter in Rock Island, IL for a world record attempt at the largest flotilla of paddlers in one area. When paddlers reached the lock, operators had lines down in the lock for paddlers to hang on to while natural resources staff were in and around the lock in safety vessels. This event had 1,300 total participants in which approximately 600 paddlers locked through safely. A joint training day between USACE and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary took place the day prior to practice rescue techniques and scenarios.



Park rangers participated on two Celebration Belle Education Cruises on the Mississippi in the Quad Cities area. During the cruise participants learn local river history while on the outside decks. Inside USACE staff presented a few interpretive programs on the life on a towboat and water safety. School groups are the primary audience for these cruises and there were 370 total participants.

Park rangers and Bobber the Water Safety Dog presented two water safety interpretive programs at facilities operated by the ARC of the Quad Cities. This is a nonprofit organization that provides services and opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Bobber was especially popular with the 55 people who attended.

Park rangers participated in a summer reading kickoff event open to the public at the Quad Cities Botanical Center. Park rangers staffed a table showcasing mammals along the Mississippi River as well as some water safety activities and giveaways. This was a partnership event between the Rock Island Public Library and other area agencies and organizations. 340 people attended the event.

Illinois Waterway

In August 2024, Park Rangers Ewbank and Fisher provided a presence at the busy Chicago Harbor Lock. Due to the Democratic National Convention (DNC) happening in Chicago, the lock identified a need for a park ranger presence to help monitor lock traffic and ensure safety of boats and patrons. Chicago Harbor Lock is the 2nd busiest lock for recreational traffic in the U.S. While there, park rangers performed visual inspections of watercraft for compliance with state and federal regulations. The most common violations were standing on bow or swim deck while in the lock chamber, failure to wear a lifejacket in lock chamber, disobeying lock staff direct instructions, and improper lighting at night. Park Ranger Fisher assisted with an emergency lockage for the U.S. Coast Guard and Chicago Fire Department. This involved clearing all traffic out of the lock chamber and waiting areas to allow emergency access. Also, providing instructions to Coast Guard of where to position boats in lock chamber, as the Coast Guard was also there for DNC and had no prior knowledge of emergency lockage procedures. Emergency lockage involves opening the headgates without equalizing the water levels, causing a 4 foot waterfall to spill into the lock chamber at once. Boats need to be far enough back (300') and take special precaution due to the current and turbulence of the waterfall in the small lock chamber (600' x 80').



Continued partnership with Sainte Genevieve Riverboat Lock and Lunch Program. From May through October Illinois Waterway park rangers participate in guiding tour groups through the Starved Rock Lock. Interpretive tours are held aboard the antique paddle-wheeler on both downstream and upstream voyages, between Ottawa, IL and Starved Rock State Park Boat Ramp. Approximately 120 guests per day attend this tour, and park rangers talk about waterway history, water safety, operation of locks and dams, and natural resources.

St. Louis District (MVS)

Carlyle Lake

Every Fourth of July weekend, the Dam West Recreation Area at Carlyle Lake transforms into a bustling hub of celebration, drawing thousands of visitors for Independence Day festivities. A highlight of the weekend is Beach Blast, an event organized by park rangers, which offers a variety of family-friendly activities designed to promote safety both on and around the water. This year, Walmart of Carlyle, IL was a major event partner, contributing a “day at the beach” raffle basket filled with essentials like sunscreen and beach toys, among other items.



Park rangers along with Bobber the Water Safety Dog, made a splash in July at both the 2024 Clinton County Fair Parade and the Albers Blast Off Parade. With large crowds in attendance at each event, it was the perfect opportunity to highlight the essential need for wearing life jackets.

On July 12, 2024, the Leisure at the Lake Summer Series hosted an Outdoor Movie Night for both campers and local residents. Prior to the main feature, attendees enjoyed a Bobber the Water Safety Dog cartoon, which served as a friendly reminder to always swim with a buddy.



The 33rd Annual Cruz-In the Dam Car Show was held on August 9, 2024, at Mariners Village Resort, featuring over 500 classic vehicles. Park rangers staffed a water safety booth, while Bobber the Water Safety Dog mingled with attendees among the cars. The booth engaged 425 visitors, offering insights on water safety and recreational opportunities.

In May 2024, the “I Got Caught at Carlyle Lake” Campaign began its 12th year, with 36 local businesses partnering to promote life jacket use. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, park rangers rewarded 246 people with t-shirts, insulated lunch bags, and beach towels. Lunch bags and beach towels for adults were provided by The Corps Foundation.



Lake Shelbyville



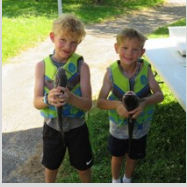
On September 8, 2024, the second annual Lake Shelbyville Paddle Day took place at the Dam West High Water Boat Ramp. This event was in partnership with Youth Ambassadors and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. 33 people participated and received a water safety message and were required to wear their life jackets properly during the event.

I Got Caught initiative was conducted again this year. Throughout the summer, several adults and children were caught wearing their life jackets. The individuals were rewarded with t-shirts that were donated through partnerships with local businesses.



On September 6, 2024, Christopher Ware with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was awarded a Public Service Commendation Medal. His remarkable contributions and unwavering support have made a significant impact on the USACE, St. Louis District and the lives of countless individuals of the boating community at Lake Shelbyville. Mr. Ware supervised operations of the USCGA Vessel Examiner Team at Lake Shelbyville that conducted 7768 vessel examinations over a 10-year period resulting in boats meeting federal, state, and local safety requirements.

Over Labor Day weekend from August 28 – September 2, 2024, The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary performed vessel safety checks and discussed water safety at Dam West Boat Ramp. 27 vessel checks were completed and 493 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made.



On June 15, 2024, the annual Kid’s Fishing Tournament took place at the Opossum Creek Pond. 87 kids participated and they all were required to wear a life jacket while fishing.

Mark Twain Lake

On July 4, 2024, park rangers participated local parades (Perry, Monroe City) to promote water safety.

Partnered with a local news station to prerecord a water safety video PSA that was broadcasted on local television for the main recreation season. WGEM and USACE each committed \$2,500.00 for a total of \$5,000.00 towards water safety advertisement.

Park rangers provided a water safety booth over the course of the Labor Day holiday weekend to encourage beach goers to wear their life jacket when on, or, around water. This effort continued to grow each holiday, with local partners from the Regional Council of Govts attending and promoting highway safety awareness.

Rend Lake

Park rangers presented several water safety interpretive programs at campgrounds and beaches throughout the recreation season making 2,231 direct water safety interpretive contacts.

Park rangers staffed a water safety booth at the 618 Fix My RV’s (local business) open house and special appearance were made by Bobber the Water Safety Dog. 76 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.

Park rangers conducted boat patrols throughout the recreation season and during the patrols several visitors were “caught” wearing their life jacket while enjoying the lake. Adults caught wearing their life jackets were given insulated lunch bags that were donated by The Corps Foundation.



Park rangers conducted a mini “Beach Blast” water safety program designed for children 5 years old and younger. While the weather did not cooperate for the intended outdoor beach program, the team brought the beach indoors and still served participants that were willing to brave the weather.

Every month the “Small World Program” series is conducted at the Rend Lake Visitor Center. Programs are designed for children 5 years old and younger and explores a different theme each month through a craft, activity, and story. The August program was a water safety program, “Sink or Float.” 42 participants learned about buoyancy and being safe in, on, and near water.



Rivers Project

Park rangers have provided water safety interpretive programs to 380 campers at regional summer camp programs throughout the summer of 2024, which included paddling instruction and how to properly wear a life jacket. Summer camp partners include the St. Louis YMCA, Audubon Center at Riverlands, Ferguson-Florissant School District, The Nature Institute, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Park rangers also assisted in presenting safety demo Mondays, aided in weekly canoeing sessions, and engaged campers in H2Olympics, which included a water safety relay course.



On June 29, 2024, park rangers assisted with paddling and water safety during an event at Drost Park with partners from the Mississippi River Water Trail Association (MRWTA). Over 200 paddlers of all ages and skills levels attended the event. Riverlands Wellness Paddling also reached approximately 40 paddlers as introductions to kayaking were offered in Ellis Bay of the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary throughout June and July. On August 31, 2024, park rangers partnered with MRWTA and Audubon Center at Riverlands to conduct a lock-thru paddle at Melvin Price Locks and Dam so paddlers could learn how to safely lock through. Approximately 20 paddlers participated in the event.



The National Great Rivers Museum (NGRM) welcomed over 9,500 visitors through the summer of 2024. The NGRM offers 3 public tours of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam daily that introduce visitors to the historical, cultural, economic, and ecological significance of the Mississippi River and features water safety messaging. During these tours, park rangers, staff or dedicated NGRM volunteers, engage visitors and share the Rivers Project's and USACE missions. The NGRM has engaged 2,433 individuals through 237 tours of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam during July - September. Additionally, the NGRM organizes a water safety-themed scavenger hunt around museum exhibits during holiday weekends (July 4th, Labor Day). Ten water safety-themed items were hidden throughout the museum along with a letter. 100 visitors earned a water safety-themed goody bag by finding the hidden phrase, 'LIFE JACKET'

On July 11, 2024, park ranger conducted water safety activities with 250+ youth and adults at Lewis and Clark Community College's Summerfest. Participants were able to utilize buoyant supplies to make a life jacket that could make an action figure float above water.

On August 17 and 18, 2024, park rangers staffed an interactive area the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, IL. During this weekend over 1,000 direct interpretive contacts were made by sharing river engineering, locks and dams, water safety, and recreational opportunities within the St. Louis District with fair attendees.

Wappapello Lake



Ranger Willie's Wet and Wild Water Safety Festival was held at the Redman Creek Beach. The goal of this event is to promote water safety for the entire family. Activities included Life Jacket Fashion show, Water Balloon Volley, Sand Sculpturing Contest, Water Wheel of Fortune, Inner Tube Races, and Cardboard Boat Construction and Races. Approximately 125 people from southeast Missouri and Arkansas attend the event.

N A D

North Atlantic Division Water Safety Initiatives

New England District (NAE)

Cape Cod Canal

Conducted their annual Water Safety Day event in July 2024. Water Safety Day featured dock-side patrol & fire boat tours, USCG Station tours, Vessel Safety Checks, a fishing clinic, and many hands-on water safety related activities. Other highlights included Dunk-A-Ranger and appearances by Bobber the Water Safety Dog. Partners that assisted with the event included U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sandwich Fire Department, MA Division of Marine Fisheries, and AmeriCorps Cape Cod.



Every week throughout the summer, park rangers hosted "Canal Kids" programs series for ages 6-11 at the Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center. Themes and activities change weekly, and in early July their program, "Ahoy Matey", featured basic knot-tying practice, life jacket lessons, and a "Reach, Throw, Row, Don't Go" relay race.



Marine Operations staff & park rangers joined Barnstable Police and Fire Departments for their 27th annual Kids Day event. The team brought one of their patrol boats, a water-safety themed prize wheel and Bobber the Water Safety Dog. The day provided a fun opportunity to interact with hundreds of kids throughout the day.

Buffumville Lake

Park rangers made great efforts to share water safety messages with visitors this summer while patrolling beaches and launch sites, conducting vessel safety checks, providing dam tours and more! The team conducted meet-and-greet Bobber the Water Safety Dog events at their public swim beach and a Touch-a-Truck event at their Park Ranger Station, offering prizes to visitors who answered water safety questions. Bobber and the team were also invited to attend a Worcester Bravehearts National Night Out event in August to spread the water safety message to attendees.

Colebrook River Lake

Is a “no water contact” lake. Boating is permitted, but swimming is not. Park rangers had some fun on social media this season with some unique messaging to remind visitors of their “no water contact” policy and the importance of wearing a life jacket.

Littleville Lake

Park Rangers Maddy and Konrad spent some time at the Littleville Lake Boat Launch in August, chatting with visitors about water safety and seeing what people were catching in the lake.



West Hill Lake



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) celebrated their 50th Anniversary in the Blackstone River Valley with a festival in August. West Hill Dam Park Rangers Dylan and Viola staffed an interactive area at the event. Their cornhole “Life Jackets Worn” game (designed and constructed by Eagle Scout Conner Pattison) and ring toss were a huge hit for attendees. Anyone that stopped by their booth received a prize if they could identify something that floats and can be used to keep a person in the water afloat.

Park rangers conducted several STEM camps this summer at West Hill Dam, where Park Ranger Viola shared messages about water safety, environmental educational, and the duties of a park ranger. At one camp, participants became engineers and worked in a team to build a dam using logs, rocks, sand, etc. They also held life jacket races, which involve performing a simulated rescue within 20 seconds. Teams of two were sprayed with water while wearing a helmet, thick gloves, and dark goggles to demonstrate how difficult and disorienting a water rescue can be.

Hop Brook Lake

Conducted a Water Safety Day event for their Jr. Project Manager campers. The campers practiced their skills by tossing different types of life rings to the “swimmers” who were waiting on scooters to be pulled to safety. The campers had fun and learned how to use several different types of water safety devices.



West Thompson Lake

Park rangers kicked off the summer with a paddling event, which is a popular activity for canoe and kayak enthusiasts in the local community.

Franklin Falls Dam

Seasonal park rangers staffed a water safety booth at a local Old Homes Day fair. Promotional water safety products were handed out to those who participated.



Samantha Schupp (Hopkinton-Everett Lakes) and Briana Edwards (Franklin Falls Dam / Blackwater Dam) represented the New England District at a large event for outdoor recreators called Discover Wild New Hampshire Day in Concord, NH. Park Rangers Sam and Briana promoted water safety through word of mouth and by showing examples of different types of life jackets and their uses. Promotional water safety products was offered to participants including bags, whistles, tattoos, activity books, and more. The water safety trailer was utilized as a display and attention grabber for the booth. Participants could practice their throw ring rescue skills with a frisbee ring toss game, try on different types of life jackets, learn about the role of a park ranger, and get information on the USACE flood control projects in the Merrimack River Basin.



Hopkinton-Everett Lake

Park rangers conducted a series of Junior Ranger programs through out the summer, featuring birding basics, dam tours, tree & shrub ID, fishing basics, trail etiquette, and water safety. Participants could earn their junior ranger badge by attending at least 4 programs.

Baltimore District (NAB)

Jennings Randolph Lake

On July 13, 2024, staff and partners conducted the annual Water Safety Festival at Shaw Beach. Almost 100 people attended the event. The Friends of Jennings Randolph Lake rented a bounce house, ran concessions, and provided paddle boat rides. The event also included water safety games that includes “Reach, Throw, Row, Don’t Go”, Dunk-a-Ranger, and build a boat. Kitzmiller Swift Water Rescue brought their rescue boat for everyone to see and Elk Garden EMS was onsite. Members from WVU Medicine Potomac Valley Hospital attended the event for the first time to educate participants on the impacts of melanoma. They handed out sunglasses, sunscreen, and bracelets that change color under UV light. Additionally, WV University’s Mountains of Hope Cancer Coalition donated two sunscreen dispensers that were installed at Shaw Beach and the Robert W. Craig Campground prior to the event.



Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lake



Staff visited Penny's Daycare Center to teach students about the importance of wearing a life jacket. Park Ranger Molly outfitted the kiddos in some life jackets, performed a STEM science experiment using a mandarin orange to demonstrate buoyancy, read the story Llama Llama Learns to Swim, and gave a tour of a patrol boat. Bobber the Water Safety Dog also made an appearance.

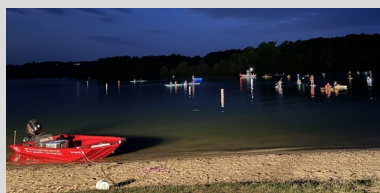
Raystown Lake

Held it’s 12th Annual Chalk the Walk event on August 13, 2024. Visitors of all ages came to participate and draw their favorite water safety message in chalk. The upper walkway at the Seven Points beach was covered with over 50 amazing chalk drawings. Prizes were awarded for 1st and 2nd place drawings in four age Categories. Visitors were also able to vote for their fan favorite drawings.



Blue Marsh Lake

On July 19, 2024, staff celebrated Lake Appreciation Month with their annual Love Your Lake event. The event featured a variety of educational and recreational activities featuring kayak & SUP races, an evening Full Moon Float event, STEM demonstrations, and exhibits about water safety, watersheds, harmful algal blooms, water quality monitoring, and more. Partners included the PA Lake Management Society, Berks Nature, Aqua OM Paddle, and the Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program.



Northwestern Division Water Safety Initiatives

Kansas City District (NWK)

Stockton Lake

Conducted “The 2024 6th Grade Outdoor Days” which had 60 students from Stockton Middle School in attendance. The event started with a powerhouse tour where hydropower and flood control were discussed. The students were divided into six groups, each beginning a variety of rotations including: Snakes of Missouri, Predator and Prey Game, Tree Identification, Water Safety, Fishing, and Map/Compass Reading. Park Rangers and Conservation Department employees also had an opportunity to discuss careers related to the outdoors and natural resources. Outdoor Days would not have been possible without the partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), as they provided five of the six stations. MDC was able to offer real hands-on learning by providing fishing poles, live snakes, and furs from different prey animals, while the Stockton Lake staff provided water safety information and activities.



Portland District (NWP)

Willamette Valley Project

To kick off summer, the first few weekends of the Pine Meadows Campground interpretive programs focused exclusively on water safety messaging. The Safe Passage movie and Bobber the Water Safety Dog cartoons were shown at the campground amphitheater. The “Sinking Ship” skit was performed before the Safe Passage movie and Bobber made a special appearance at the end of his cartoons. Water safety messaging and promotional products were also included within the eight other interpretive programs, reaching a total audience of 494 people for the summer.

On August 14, 2024, Bobber the Water Safety Dog and Park Ranger Brittany Spoto attended the Eugene Emeralds’ baseball game to celebrate the birthday of the team’s mascot Sluggo. This was Bobber’s third time attending the birthday bash at PKPark. Several other mascots from the surrounding area attended the event. Bobber participated in a dance-off with the other mascots. Afterwards, Bobber and Park Ranger Spoto handed out water safety promotional products to adults and kids. Bobber signed baseballs, posed in countless photos, and gained several new water safety fans. Approximately 200 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.



John Day Lock and Dam

Park Ranger Beckman put a new coat of paint on the water safety pavement stencil logos at boat launches and added new locations near water access points.



Park Ranger Ritz, Natural Resources Interns Violet Woods and Angus Trousdell presented water safety program at the annual John Day Picnic at Le Page Park making upwards of 70 direct water safety interpretive contacts in July.



Park Ranger Ritz, Natural Resources Interns Violet Woods and Angus Trousdell staffed a water safety table at the Irrigon Watermelon Festival making over 400 direct water safety interpretive contacts.



By conducting roving interpretation the John Day staff made over 100 informal direct water safety interpretive contacts per week throughout the summer.

The Dalles Lock and Dam

Throughout the month of July 2024, park rangers and AmeriCorps interns made multiple visits into local summer school classrooms providing water safety programs for children in grades preschool through fifth grade. Younger students enjoyed listening to a park ranger read them the “Bobber Goes to the Beach” book followed by a discussion of “Bobber’s Golden Rules”. The “Bobber Goes to the Beach” book was created and provided by the USACE National Water Safety Program. Older students learned water safety rules around pools and rivers and the difference between the two. These students also learned how to recognize a drowning individual and had the opportunity to practice “Reach, Throw, Row...Go get help!”. Participants tried on life jackets, learned where they could find a life jacket loaner board station along the Columbia River, and were encouraged to share what they learned with their families. Water safety activity books were handed out to all children.



At the end of July 2024, The Dalles Dam and Bonneville Dam park rangers teamed up to provide a water safety booth at the Columbia River Indian Fisher’s Expo located at the Fort Dalles Readiness Center. Those who stopped by the booth learned how to properly toss a throw bag and a life ring preserver to a drowning person. Park rangers also shared about the dangers of cold-water immersion in the Columbia River using the “Cold Hand Luke” demonstration.

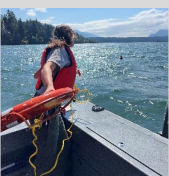
Park rangers and AmeriCorps volunteers distributed Bobber the Water Safety Dog & Josh the Otter activity pads that were provided by the USACE National Water Safety Program to local restaurants in The Dalles to use as placemats for children. The placemats are a great way to spread water safety messages into the community.



In the months of August and September 2024, park rangers participated in the “2nd Annual Touch-a-Truck” event at the Wonderworks Children’s Museum and the “Get Ready!” event at the fire station in The Dalles. Both events included water safety trivia and life jacket loaner board information. Water safety brochures and promotional items were given out to community members.

Bonneville Lock and Dam

On July 2nd, Park Ranger Alexa Harmon provide water safety tips during KGW8’s Sunrise News. Coordination occurred between the sheriff, state police, and media. Her interview starts at the 7 min 30 second mark at the following video link: <https://www.kgw.com/video/news/local/headlineson-demand/kgw-top-stories-sunrise-tuesday-july-2-2024/283-fbf0b55e-8151-4517-9327-82c62f0e3df1>



The Bonneville Emergency Response Team (BERT) facilitated Drowning and Water Rescue Training. The team reviewed the medical treatment for drowning victims before getting out on the water to practice victim recovery and rescue procedures utilizing throw bags, throw rings, pike poles, and rescue netting. The afternoon was successful in familiarizing staff on both water and vessel safety.



On July 10, 2024, Park Rangers Meg Sleeper and Nora Howlett presented interpretive programs at Camp Currie's annual Girl Scout Summer Camp in Camas, WA. The theme was "Weird Science." Along with a program about harnessing electricity from weird sources, such as a potato, Park rangers educated the scouts about how to be safe on or near water and teach those around them how to be safe. Park rangers showed how, like a life jacket, an orange peel securely attached will keep the orange afloat with "Orange Ya Glad You Wore Your Life Jacket?". They also had the scouts put on a life jacket fashion show to highlight different styles and their various uses, as well as how to properly fit a life jacket and tell if it is in good condition. Park Rangers Sleeper and Howlett presented three interpretive programs to a total of 110 participants.

On July 27, 2024, Park Rangers Lief Fox and Nick Lashley worked with Ranger Sue-Ann Goodwin from The Dalles Dam to staff a water safety booth at the Columbia River Indian Fisher's Expo in The Dalles, OR. Park rangers partnered in this event to educate members of the Yakima, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes about water safety. Park rangers challenged people with the "How Fast Can You Put It On?" life jacket challenge and provided hands-on demonstrations on the "Reach, Throw, Row, Don't Go!" technique for helping swimmers in distress without endangering yourself. The hands-on program "Cool Hands Luke" was utilized to demonstrate how quickly hypothermia and loss of finger movement can set in. This Expo is a conference and trade show for Columbia River Indian Fisher's where they can discuss treaty fishing rights and tribal issues, learn equipment maintenance, quality handling of fish, fisher safety, promotion and business practices, and environmental restoration. Park ranger staff made 145 direct water safety interpretive contacts with Columbia River tribal anglers.



On August 6, 2024, Park Rangers Meg Sleeper and Josh Friend participated in the Annual National Night Out event in Stevenson, WA. The park rangers promoted water safety to local families through simulating cold water immersion, how to safely rescue a drowning person, and the importance of wearing a properly fitted life jacket any time they are around the water. This street fair is held by One Prevention Alliance, Skamania County Chamber of

Commerce, Sheriffs' Office, EMS, and 25 other local partners to build community and provide education. Stevenson National Night Out had roughly 700 participants and the park rangers made 160 direct water safety interpretive contacts with local families.

District Small Motorboat Training Instructors facilitated an initial operator course at Bonneville Lock & Dam. Six students from multiple projects throughout the District completed the 24-hour course showing proficiency in safely operating, trailering, and maintaining vessels less than 26' in length. The course also ensures staff are competent in emergency procedures and self rescue from the water.



Seattle District (NWS)

Albeni Falls Lake



During the month of August 2024, Pend Oreille Rowing and Paddling Association and Long Bridge Swim Association provided free water safety lessons at Riley Creek Recreation Area for families in the local community. During the water safety lessons certified instructors provided children ages 1-17 tips on how to swim and play in the water safely. Over 200 children participated in the program, doubling participation from 2023. Students also participated in a water safety program presented by park rangers. For more information on this partnership go to www.priestriverswimlessons.com.

Libby Dam

On July 4, 2024, the natural resources section participated in Troy, Montana's annual Fourth of July parade. Park rangers, SCA interns, and Bobber the Water Safety Dog handed out water safety promotional products during the parade.



In August 2024, Park Ranger Paige King used the Libby Dam Facebook to upload a creative water safety skit her and several interns put together, <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/AKwfkn7uynhTTKnb/?mibextid=WC7FNe>. They used the trending song "HOT TO GO" and the popular dance along with it. The skit ends with everyone running over to put a life jacket on a kayaker who forgot theirs. In the past month, the video has received 51 likes, 18 shares, and 4,300 views and counting.



On August 6, 2024, SCA interns Kate Huff and Bethany Thomas attended a library reading for children and families. While Kate read the "Bobber Goes to the Beach" book, which was created and provided by the USACE National Water Safety Program. Bobber the Water Safety Dog made an appearance during the program. The kids were excited to meet Bobber after the book reading and they all got to go home with a copy of the "Bobber Goes to the Beach" book and a bag filled with water safety promotional products. There were approximately 30 people in attendance for the program.



Walla Walla District (NWW)

Dworshak Lake

Natural resources specialists and Angela Feldman with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frequently collaborate with school groups during steelhead spawning season. This partnership sparked the creation of a summer educational program that offered a more comprehensive experience than a typical half-day site visit. The "Dworshak Summer Explorers Camp" ran four hours each day over four consecutive days, taking place at various local sites, including Dworshak Dam, the National Fish Hatchery, and Freeman Creek Campground. The camp featured tours of the dam, powerhouse, and hatchery, and engaging activities such as water safety games, a botany scavenger hunt, and bug house building. In total, 24 children participated, supported by 15 adult volunteers throughout the week.



Campground shower house curtains were upgraded to include a water safety message.



South Atlantic Division Water Safety Initiatives

Jacksonville District (SAJ)

W.P. Franklin South Recreation Area

On August 30, 2024, Park Ranger Megan Parsons recruited lock operators Jason Pritt and Jacqueline Verwers to participate in a Labor Day outreach water safety video. They provided a few tips for being safe while out on the waterway during the Labor Day holiday and used the saying “Reach, Throw, Row, Don’t Go” to remind video viewers not to go in after a drowning victim. The video was posted on the Jacksonville District’s Facebook page where it received over 1,700 views.



On August 31, 2024, Park Ranger Megan Parsons and volunteers Cassie and Phoenix Cullen staffed a water safety table at the W.P. Franklin South Boat Ramp. They provided water safety promotional products and brochures and talked to visitors life jackets and loaner life jackets that were available. Adults that were caught wearing their life jackets were given a product as part of the “I Got Caught” initiative.

Mobile District (SAM)

Alabama River Lakes

On July 3, 2024, Park Rangers Christina Collins and George Bennett presented a water safety program for a church camp at Holy Ground Battlefield Park. The park rangers talked about the Five Rules of Water Safety and how to properly fit a life jacket.

Park Rangers Christina Collins and John Bennett participated in the Lowndesboro, AL July 4th Parade. Park rangers decorated their patrol boat with water safety items and American flags. Park Ranger Bennett rode in the boat during the parade wearing his life jacket and the boat’s engine cut-off switch lanyard.

Allatoona Lake

Partnered this summer with the American Canoe Association, Georgia River Network, and others to provide low-cost Kayak 101 training classes for individuals interested learning more about the recreational sport and improving their skills and safety. On July 19-20, July 27, and August 24, 2024, three Kayak 101 classes were conducted at Allatoona Lake for approximately 60 people.



In Euharlee, GA, park rangers and volunteers staffed a booth at the Georgia Outdoor News Blast Boat Show and made 1,803 direct water safety interpretive contacts. It was a three day event that included park rangers talking with attendees about water safety and environmental stewardship.

Lake Lanier

On July 13, 2024, staff presented water safety interpretive programs at the River Forks Park Explorer event on July 13. Safe Kids N.E. Georgia and Georgia DNR park rangers also presented programs during the event. More than 130 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made at the event.



Staff and volunteer James Sheppard painted the “Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns” logo on the side of three day-use park gatehouses using a pavement stencil that was donated by The Corps Foundation.



Walter F. George Lake

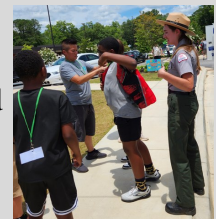


On September 2, 2024, Park Ranger Shannon Schaefer staffed a booth at the annual Labor Day Fair in Russell County, AL that was conducted at the Old Russell County Courthouse. A total of 101 direct interpretive contacts were made at the event on USACE missions, water safety, environmental, cultural/historical, and general safety.

West Point Lake

On June 1, 2024, the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce organized a kids’ fishing rodeo at Hardley Creek at West Point Lake. Park Rangers Mike Linville, Christine Dowell, Jeff Mau, and Danielle Woody provided loaner life jackets to participants and handed out water safety promotional products during the event.

On June 17, 2024, Park Rangers Christine Dowell and Chris Brewer staffed an interactive area at the LaGrange Police and Fire Youth Camp in LaGrange, GA. The park rangers spoke to approximately 50 kids about water safety, showed them how to properly wear a life jacket, and let them look at their patrol vessel and truck. The event also included first responders from Georgia Highway Patrol, Georgia DNR, Troop County Sheriff’s Department, and LaGrange Police Department, CSI, SWAT, and Fire and Rescue.



On June 11, 2024, Park Ranger Rusty Newton presented a water safety interpretive program at the Valley Police Department’s Jr. Police Academy. He made 62 direct water safety interpretive contacts.

Savannah District (SAS)

Hartwell Lake

Received a donation of 200 Type II life jackets from Don and Jane Acevedo of Anderson, SC. Their son, Martin Acevedo, tragically drowned on Hartwell Lake in 2018 when thrown from his boat. In memory of their son, the Acevedo’s have established the Martin Acevedo Legacy, which funds projects to help support water safety, search and rescues, and encourages local youth in music and agricultural endeavors. These life jackets will be used to stock Hartwell Lake’s eight existing loaner boards and an additional board the Acevedo’s have pledged to donate.

Park Ranger Annette Dotson conducted a water safety interpretive program to 45 kids and parents at a local library for their Adventure Begins summer reading program. Bobber the Water Safety Dog made an appearance during the program.



Park Ranger Dotson also presented a water safety interpretive program to 35 students in a local home school group.

Richard B. Russell Lake

Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition (LRRTC) hosted Paddle Fest event. Local residents were invited to attend the event. Park rangers provided water safety information to those that were going to participating in the paddling event. Thirty-five direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.

Wilmington District (SAW)

On September 15, 2024, the District Water Safety Team staffed a water safety booth at La Fiesta del Pueblo in Downtown Raleigh, NC. La Fiesta del Pueblo is one of the area's largest and most diverse festival of Latin American culture. The booth was staffed by Elaine Wittry, Jon Bannerman, Lisa Bredl, Carmen Boyette, and Kelly Oest and they highlighted the dangers of open water swimming specifically focusing on drop-offs using an interactive activity. The goal of the activity was to get a superhero or small barbie from one side of a fish aquarium to the other by walking along the "lake" bottom. The tank was cloudy so they could not see the "drop-offs". While they were set up for failure, it provided a great avenue to teach visitors about the hazards of swimming in a lake and discuss life jacket wear. They also had a diorama replicating the lake and underwater hazards. This was a self-led activity with the lists of hazards in both English and Spanish. Participants looked for the hazards in the diorama. 333 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.



B. Everette Jordan Lake

On July 11 and 18, 2024, community member Angela White joined park rangers to conduct water safety outreach at the Jordan Lake swim beaches. Angela's son Kristoffer drowned at Jordan Lake in 2023, and Angela is making it her mission to educate other families about the dangers of open water. Angela shared Kristoffer's story with 54 beachgoers.



John H. Kerr Lake

On August 6, 2024, Park Rangers Jerry Jarman and Emily Jones staffed a booth at the Chase City, VA Police Department's National Night Out Event. The park rangers spoke to 226 individuals about water safety and the various USACE Missions.



SPD

South Pacific Division Water Safety Initiatives

Sacramento District (SPK)

The Northern Operations Branch distributed Bobber the Water Safety Dog pumpkin carving templates to over 600 students in Amador County School District. The students were excited to bring their Bobber pumpkins to life this Halloween Season!



Southwestern Division Water Safety Initiatives

Fort Worth District (SWF)

Trinity Region

On September 27-29, 2024, Park Rangers Anthony Sanders, Landon McCartney, Aaron Szotka, Jennifer Lawson, Sean Carey, Andy Jasper, Gabby Fontaine, and David Walker staffed a water safety interactive area at the State Fair of Texas. Over 4,000 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made. The booth was made possible through a partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife as part of their “Get Outside” campaign.



Sam Rayburn Lake



Natural Resources Specialists/Park Rangers Emily Laperriere, Gina Jaworski, and Tyler Slovacek provided water safety and volunteer refresher training to their volunteers. Through a partnership with the Rayburn Bloomers, an appreciation luncheon was also provided for the volunteers to recognize their efforts and contributions.

Park Rangers/Natural Resource Specialists Gina Jaworski and Lynlee Russell conducted boat safety checks at Twin Dikes Public Boat Ramp over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Each interaction was used as a chance to educate visitors on a variety of water safety information such as required safety equipment, properly fitting a life jacket, and resources for boater safety courses. The park rangers also conducted boat patrol and vehicle park patrol that included handing out water safety promotional products and thanking visitors for wearing their life jackets.



Grapevine Lake



Grapevine Lake Park Rangers Aaron Szotka, Ami Watkins, and Andy Jasper staffed a water safety booth at the bi-annual Keep Flower Mound Beautiful community clean up and environmental fair. The park rangers educated volunteers and community members on water safety, Every Kid Outdoor Passes, community project possibilities with scout groups, and answered many general questions.

Waco Lake

Park Ranger Cara Niemietz interviewed with the local media ahead of the Labor Day holiday weekend to promote water safety.



Whitney Lake



Park Ranger Seth Williams, was invited to the West Public Library for their final “tale tellers” story time event for the summer. Library volunteers read the story of Smokey Bear to celebrate Smokey’s birthday. Ranger Williams informed the kids that Smokey had reached out to him asking if he could educate them all on water safety. Ranger Williams gladly accepted the challenge, educating kids on how to properly fit a life jacket.

On August 31, 2024, Park Rangers Daniel Tiedemann and Kathryn Devers participated in the 48th annual West Fest Parade to promote water safety. The City of West, TX celebrates its rich Czech heritage each year by hosting various West Fest activities, including a six mile parade through downtown.



Stillhouse Hollow Lake and Belton Lake



On June 14, 2024, Park Rangers Alex Klepac, Cassy Hill, and Madison Wetterstroem handed out approximately 250 America the Beautiful passes at the Main Exchange on Fort Cavazos Army base. The park rangers handed out Military Annual, Military Lifetime, and Access passes to the military population and their families. They also took advantage of the opportunity to educate them on water safety and provided them with water safety promotional products.

Canyon Lake

On July 4, 2024, Park Rangers Kaiya Haines and Alex Svatora participated in Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Operation Dry Water event, held at one of Canyon Lake's boat ramps, to spread awareness about boating under the influence. The event was jointly held by USACE, TPWD, and the Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County.



Proctor Lake



On July 27, 2024, Dublin, TX Library hosted their annual back to school fair. Park Rangers Jared Harris, Ben Murphy and Elyssa Mendez staffed a water safety table during the event that allowed kids the opportunity to play water safety trivia and receive water safety promotional products. Over 300 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the event.

Lake O' the Pines

Park Ranger Caleb Bates presented a water safety interpretive program at the Church of Uncertain in Karnak, TX for a class of children that completed a community-run water safety education program. Bobber the Water Safety Dog assisted Park Ranger Bates during his program.



Little Rock District (SWL)



Public Affairs Officer Jay Townsend appeared on KARK 4's "Arkansas Style" to discuss Independence Day water safety tips. Mr. Townsend emphasized the importance of wearing the appropriate life jacket when in, on, or near water. They also highlighted lakes, parks, and launch ramps will be exceptionally busy during the holiday, urging visitors to exercise patience and courtesy. To conclude, Mr. Townsend reminded viewers that fireworks are prohibited in USACE parks, but permitted shows will be available around the lakes. The recorded interview aired on July 1, 2024.

Tulsa District (SWT)

KTUL News channel 8 incorporated the USACE water safety message in their July 5, 2024 live 6:00 p.m. broadcast, Park Ranger Alex Bilinski provided information on boat ramp tips and Park Ranger Lauren Enloe talked about firework, weather, and water safety tips to keep in mind during the holiday weekend.

Celebrate Safely: Essential Tips for the 4th of July, <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/475388/celebrate-safely-essential-tips-4th-july>

Tulsa District Operations and Safety Office, along with Kansas City District Operations and Regulatory Office, teamed up to provide water safety information during the Kansas State Fair September 6 -15, 2024. Booth visitors were able to take an electronic quiz to test their knowledge on water safety via I-phones and get results with information discussed. Over 10,000 visitors interacted with the USACE Team at the booth. Water safety promotional products were handed out. <https://youtu.be/Q5sytjqHkUM>



Waurika Lake



Natural Resources Specialist Alan Harper and Park Ranger Kylie Pewitt presented a water safety interpretive program at the Waurika Public Library. There were approximately 20 students from Kindergarten - 5th grade that attended the program.

Hugo Lake

Natural Resources Specialists Shelbie Vaught and Seth Bennett presented a water safety interpretive program to the students at the Rattan Summer School program. Approximately 50 students ranging from kindergarten - 5th grade attended, learned about the importance of water safety and proper use/fitting of life jackets.



Lake Texoma



Staff were contacted by the “Lifeguard Your Child” program coordinator at Cook Children’s Medical Center about expanding their loaner station program to Lake Texoma. The lake staff immediately accepted the offer and partnered with Cook Children’s by installing a new life jacket loaner station at the Lake Texoma spillway boat ramp, located in Grayson County, TX.

Heyburn Lake

Assistant Lake Manager Ashley Ayers and Keystone Lake Park Ranger Lauren Enloe participated in the Bristow Touch-A-Truck event. An airboat was brought out for onlookers to see the unique vessel and to ask questions about the USACE mission. Mrs. Ayers and Ms. Enloe emphasized the importance of water safety in, on, and near water and the importance of wearing life jackets.



Fort Gibson Lake



Park Ranger Tiffany Natividad presented a water safety interpretive program at the Fort Gibson, OK Public Library. Several children learned about the importance of water safety and wearing life jackets while recreating in, on, or near water.

Keystone Lake

Park Ranger Lauren Enloe attended the Labor Day press conference hosted by Safe Kids at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, OK. Park Ranger Enloe presented a water safety message to the media and answered questions about the upcoming holiday. She also conducted TV interviews with Tulsa News Channel 23 and Channel 8.



Park Rangers Lauren Enloe, Tanner Huckaby, and Beth Stevenson attended Lake Life Festival 2024 and Pioneer Day Festival. At each event, they staffed a water safety booth providing water safety information to those that stopped by. Approximately 500 direct water safety interpretive contacts were made during the two events.

John Redmond Lake

On September 7, 2024, the Outdoor Kansas for Kids Event was conducted. Over 1,500 kids and adults participated in activities including fishing, canoeing, archery, sling shot, dunk tank, bounce houses, fire department demonstrations, and more. All the activities were supported by volunteers and multiple local agencies and businesses. Water safety information and promotional products were provided to attendees.



National Water Safety Program Resources and Initiatives

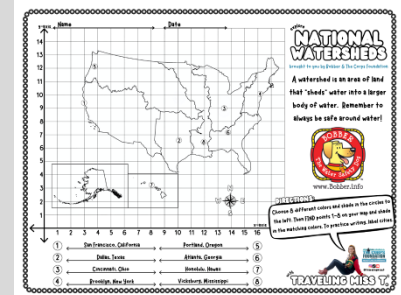
Donation of Loaner Life Jackets

Through a partnership between American Park Network, The Corps Foundation, and Progressive Insurance in cooperation with the USACE National Water Safety Program 5,496 adult size vest type loaner life jackets were donated at the value of \$75,000. The loaner life jackets were shipped to LRD, MVD, NWD, and SWD who distributed them to a total of 63 USACE projects to be used in their life jacket loaner initiatives.



Miss T's Math Maps Partnership

The Corps Foundation partnered with Traveling Miss T (Natalie Teboul), a middle school teacher who started a math mapping program online. Miss T's maps offer the opportunity to spread awareness of the USACE recreation program including water safety in a fun, interactive way. The USACE math map activities can be found at this link, <https://www.travelingmisst.com/product/usace-watershed-math-map>. The main map is targeted for middle school and the second map is for elementary school. In the activity, students will practice identifying and plotting points in a coordinate plane while learning geography. All coordinates represent USACE locations around the country and the maps come with additional extensions in math, art, geography, and writing.



NPS Park Ranger Drowns

A longtime park ranger at Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota died October 6, 2024 while rescuing a stranded family amid high winds and rough waters. The park ranger responded to a distress call from a family stranded on an island. The family of three (a father, an adult son, and young boy) had been camping when their boat was pushed ashore by five to six-foot waves, leaving them unable to free it. The park ranger took the family aboard the National Park Service (NPS) boat to bring them back to the mainland, but the vessel capsized during the trip. After the vessel capsized, the three family members were able to swim back to the island, but the park ranger did not resurface. He was wearing an automatic-inflatable life jacket, which was supposed to inflate after he fell into the water. An article regarding the incident can be found at this link, <https://www.timberjay.com/stories/vnp-ranger-dies-during-lake-rescue-attempt,22091>.

Please be careful out there! Remember:

- While on boat patrol and assisting boaters always have another person with you on your vessel that knows how to operate the vessel and is trained in proper rescue techniques.
- That the automatic-inflatable life jackets that we are authorized to wear while on duty are mechanical devices and can fail, so know how to manually inflate the one you have been issued to wear. Refer to the owner's manual for instructions on how to manually inflate the life jacket.
- Follow the guidance in our safety manual, EM 385-1-1 • 15 March 2024, before you or anyone else wears an automatic-inflatable life jacket while on duty. Refer to sections 5-3.d. and 5-8.g(2).
- An inherently buoyant life jacket or work vest should be provided in case you ever want or need to wear it instead of wearing an automatic-inflatable life jacket.

The U.S. Coast Guard has made the 2023 Life Jacket Wear Rate Observation Study available. It and reports back to 2007 can be found at <https://uscgboating.org/statistics/national-life-jacket-wear-rate-study.php>.

Here are a couple tables pulled from the study that show the life jacket wear rates broken down by age and life jacket wear rates by powerboats for adults.

It is a misconception that kids that are made to wear life jackets by law continue to wear life jackets when the law doesn't require them to wear one anymore. As shown in the table below life jacket wear drastically drops from age 6 to 12 (81.5% in 2023) to age 13 to 17 (30.3% in 2023) and life jacket wear for age 18 and older was only 9.8% in 2023.

Table 2.1 – Life Jacket Wear Rates by Age Excluding Boaters on PWCs*

Age (yrs)	Observation Year																	
	1999 % (N's)	2000-2002 % (N's)	2003-2005 % (N's)	2006-2008 % (N's)	2009 % (N's)	2010 % (N's)	2011 % (N's)	2012 % (N's)	2013 % (N's)	2014 % (N's)	2015 % (N's)	2016 % (N's)	2017 % (N's)	2018 % (N's)	2019 % (N's)	2021 % (N's)	2022 % (N's)	2023 % (N's)
0-5	80.6% (500)	90.3% (2096)	92.9% (2115)	93.3% (2792)	93.6% (854)	94.8% (811)	96.6% (874)	94.7% (662)	93.5% (789)	94.5% (804)	92.1% (694)	92.9% (573)	94.1% (555)	90.4% (615)	93.2% (790)	91.3% (368)	90.1% (444)	88.9% (586)
6-12	69.1% (2104)	76.0% (8579)	80.7% (7834)	83.5% (7806)	86.5% (2812)	89.1% (2809)	90.7% (2381)	84.9% (2844)	85.4% (2494)	87.3% (2757)	87.2% (2227)	84.1% (2184)	87.3% (2131)	86.2% (2575)	82.2% (2473)	88.6% (1889)	84.8% (1807)	81.5% (2117)
13-17	24.1% (2244)	30.0% (8101)	31.5% (7390)	31.8% (7551)	38.9% (2420)	35.1% (2127)	41.4% (1817)	37.6% (2163)	34.9% (1933)	41.6% (1837)	37.2% (1694)	41.5% (1675)	46.5% (2077)	38.3% (2138)	38.9% (2176)	40.7% (2099)	38.7% (1808)	30.3% (2281)
0-17 (all youth)	52.1% (4624)	59.3% (18776)	62.2% (17339)	63.2% (18149)	67.2% (6086)	67.8% (5747)	70.7% (5072)	67.5% (5669)	66.0% (5216)	69.9% (5398)	67.7% (4615)	68.4% (4432)	71.9% (4763)	67.8% (5328)	65.8% (5439)	70.4% (4356)	66.9% (4059)	60.9% (4984)
18-64	8.8% (24321)	8.8% (91135)	9.0% (91246)	8.5% (92407)	8.1% (34632)	7.7% (36420)	8.5% (33267)	9.2% (32298)	9.1% (30843)	10.4% (33058)	11.1% (31012)	9.9% (30906)	11.9% (29760)	11.9% (34246)	11.6% (32918)	10.3% (26365)	10.8% (23978)	9.7% (28177)
65+	12.9% (1147)	7.3% (3236)	8.9% (3255)	8.1% (2874)	7.0% (1129)	10.7% (763)	7.2% (951)	11.8% (1122)	6.9% (1091)	13.3% (1634)	12.3% (1232)	11.0% (1339)	12.2% (1134)	11.7% (975)	12.0% (1078)	14.6% (1522)	16.2% (982)	11.8% (1438)
18+ (all adults)	9.0% (25468)	8.7% (94371)	9.0% (94501)	7.8% (95281)	8.1% (35761)	7.8% (37003)	8.5% (34218)	9.3% (33420)	9.1% (31934)	10.6% (34692)	11.2% (32244)	9.9% (32245)	11.9% (30894)	11.9% (35221)	11.6% (33996)	10.5% (27887)	11.0% (24960)	9.8% (29615)

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.
2023 National Observational Life Jacket Wear Rate Study
*Factors controlled for: Age & Boat Type.

This table shows that the life jacket wear rate for adults (18+) on all powerboats excluding boaters on PWCs was a very low percentage (4.7% in 2023) and has been for several years. Life jacket wear must increase amongst adults if we want to drastically decrease the number of drownings on our Nation's waterways and one way to do that is through policy and regulations that mandate life jacket wear.

Table 2.2 - Life Jacket Wear Rates by Powerboats for Adults*

Boat Type	Observation Year																	
	1999 % (N's)	2000-2002 % (N's)	2003-2005 % (N's)	2006-2008 % (N's)	2009 % (N's)	2010 % (N's)	2011 % (N's)	2012 % (N's)	2013 % (N's)	2014 % (N's)	2015 % (N's)	2016 % (N's)	2017 % (N's)	2018 % (N's)	2019 % (N's)	2021 % (N's)	2022 % (N's)	2023 % (N's)
All Powerboats (no PWC's)	4.4% (19894)	4.2% (76000)	4.3% (77632)	4.3% (80007)	3.9% (29924)	4.3% (30894)	3.8% (28954)	4.1% (27890)	3.8% (26786)	5.6% (28766)	5.3% (26444)	4.2% (26774)	6.3% (25823)	5.3% (29602)	5.5% (28792)	5.1% (23561)	5.6% (21814)	4.7% (25450)
Skiff	10.0% (1867)	8.2% (7564)	8.4% (13680)	8.4% (16052)	6.9% (7257)	9.7% (6634)	8.2% (6530)	7.8% (6936)	6.4% (7231)	13.1% (6776)	10.2% (6592)	7.4% (7338)	10.8% (7558)	10.8% (8407)	9.0% (8946)	8.2% (7392)	8.5% (7127)	6.7% (7702)
Runabout	4.2% (13195)	4.7% (45514)	4.4% (43325)	3.8% (42827)	3.5% (14635)	3.2% (15093)	3.0% (14381)	3.3% (13441)	3.5% (11686)	4.1% (13040)	4.1% (11853)	3.5% (11736)	4.6% (10192)	3.4% (11277)	4.1% (11083)	3.9% (8766)	3.8% (7877)	3.2% (9248)
Runabout/ Speedboat (excluding towed participants)	3.6% (13096)	4.0% (45205)	3.6% (42920)	2.9% (42433)	2.5% (14481)	2.2% (14947)	2.3% (14279)	2.3% (13294)	2.4% (11554)	2.6% (12923)	3.5% (11766)	2.7% (11638)	3.7% (10101)	3.0% (11218)	3.5% (10998)	3.3% (8706)	3.3% (7832)	2.6% (9184)
Open Motorboat **	-	-	-	4.5%*** (18603)	4.9% (21892)	5.3% (21727)	4.8% (20911)	5.0% (20377)	4.9% (18917)	5.8% (19816)	6.1% (18445)	5.7% (19074)	7.0% (17750)	6.4% (19684)	6.5% (20029)	6.4% (16158)	7.4% (15004)	5.9% (16803)
Cabin Cruiser	1.8% (3396)	1.6% (17727)	1.3% (15408)	1.7% (14061)	1.6% (5342)	1.5% (5900)	1.6% (5085)	1.6% (4611)	1.0% (4719)	2.2% (4669)	2.7% (4782)	1.4% (4418)	3.9% (4301)	1.1% (4920)	2.8% (4183)	2.7% (2839)	4.7% (2617)	3.0% (3681)
Houseboat	0.0% (151)	0.4% (502)	1.7% (763)	0.0% (209)	0.0% (31)	0.0% (140)	1.2% (309)	0.0% (18)	0.0% (51)	0.8% (131)	1.6% (64)	0.0% (93)	0.0% (32)	0.0% (60)	0.0% (85)	0.0% (55)	0.0% (57)	0.0% (74)
Pontoon	4.0% (1231)	3.2% (5195)	3.2% (5219)	2.0% (6477)	2.1% (2436)	1.5% (2922)	1.4% (2734)	2.3% (2624)	1.4% (2917)	2.4% (3966)	2.6% (2961)	1.5% (3080)	3.4% (3438)	3.3% (4695)	2.3% (4237)	2.4% (4291)	3.3% (3994)	2.4% (4445)
PWC	94.2% (1899)	96.6% (5639)	95.2% (5168)	97.0% (5708)	97.0% (2093)	97.4% (1921)	97.7% (1524)	96.9% (1811)	96.3% (1905)	96.9% (1856)	97.6% (1501)	95.6% (1256)	97.9% (1625)	97.4% (1483)	97.0% (1960)	97.0% (1673)	97.2% (1412)	97.5% (1796)
Powered Inflatable/ Raft	15.7% (205)	18.6% (590)	14.3% (814)	21.1% (797)	11.9% (254)	16.7% (345)	14.3% (224)	14.1% (278)	27.2% (233)	22.9% (315)	12.8% (256)	23.8% (223)	13.1% (334)	13.1% (303)	26.8% (343)	15.0% (273)	22.1% (199)	35.8% (374)

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.
2023 National Observational Life Jacket Wear Rate Study
*Factors controlled for: Age & Boat Type.

**The Open Motorboat category was created by grouping skiffs and runabout/speedboats. Age (proportions of 18 to 64 and 65+ adults) and the proportion of skiffs to runabout/speedboats control factors have been set for each year within each state to reflect the proportions observed in 2006 (first Strategic Plan goals measurement year). In addition, each state's contribution to the national average was weighted to reflect the 2006 proportion.

***This data point is for 2006 only.

Our Target Audience

As shown on the tables on the previous page life jacket wear amongst adults is drastically low and the USACE public recreation fatality statistics coincides with that information. Our target audience is and remains adult males (18 and older) not wearing life jackets because our statistics from FY98-23 show that 88% of our public recreation fatalities were male, 82% were 18 and older, and 89% were not wearing a life jacket. Ten year statistics (FY14-23) show that 88% of our public recreation fatalities were male, 86% were 18 and older, and 89% were not wearing a life jacket, so PLEASE focus on promoting water safety to adult males and increasing life jacket wear.



The Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns campaign is our campaign used to promote water safety to adults. Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns promotional items from the National Water Safety Program should only be used to promote water safety to adults.

The Bobber the Water Safety campaign is our campaign used to promote water safety to kids. Bobber the Water Safety Dog promotional items from the National Water Safety Program should be used to promote water safety to kids.



Resources to Help You Promote Water Safety

USACE National Water Safety Program's Webpage

www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/National-Water-Safety_Program/

(PleaseWearIt.com redirects to this) Includes Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns Campaign Materials, Water Safety Tips in English and Spanish, News Releases, and more.

Please Wear It Social Media Pages on Facebook and Instagram. These are the National Water Safety Program's social media pages that are managed in cooperation with The Corps Foundation.

www.Facebook.com/PleaseWearIt

www.Instagram.com/PleaseWearIt

NRM Gateway Water Safety Section

<https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/watersafety/water.cfm>

Includes USACE Strategic Campaign Plan for Reducing Public Recreation Fatalities, Public Recreation Fatalities Data Summary and Statistics, Life Jacket Loaner Program Guidelines, Promotional Materials Policy, GSA Vehicle Public Safety Marking Guidance Memo, Life Jacket Mandatory Wear Policy Selective Expansion Memo, Water Safety Graphics Library, Media Interview Fact Sheet, Water Safety Resource Guide for Interpretive Services and Educational Outreach, Bobber the Water Safety Dog Costume Guidelines, and much more.

Bobber the Water Safety Dog website www.Bobber.info

National Water Safety Program's YouTube Channel and DVIDS Unit

www.YouTube.com/user/USACEwatersafety

www.dvidshub.net/unit/USACE-WS

Numerous water safety video PSAs are available and can be downloaded on the DVIDS Unit page so you can use them however you can to promote water safety.

Past issues of this quarterly water safety journal "Ripples" are on the NRM Gateway

<https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/nrm.dfm>

Dates To Keep In Mind:

National Water Safety Awards Nomination Deadline: December 6, 2024

Memo and criteria can be found at <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/cecwon/memos-drill.cfm?Id=1733>.

National Water Safety Photo Contest Deadline: January 31, 2025

The 2023-2024 USACE National Water Safety Photo Contest is open to all USACE employees and volunteers including PAO and ACE-IT employees. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your photographs and talent. Winning photographers will receive some outstanding items that can be used to promote water safety.

Photos taken in 2023 and 2024 can be submitted and must have been taken at a USACE project or off-site at an event/program involving USACE. Photos in all categories except for the non-water related recreation category should depict the promotion of water safety, demonstrate safe water practices, and/or showcase water-based recreation. Photos will be judged for clarity, composition, originality, visual impact, and topic.

2023-2024 Categories: USACE Employees in Action (includes water safety mascots), USACE Partners or Volunteers in Action, Commercial Boating, Water Recreation, Non-water Recreation

Contest entries must be sent to your National Water Safety Committee Division Representative. Division Representative contact information can be found on the NRM Gateway in the Water Safety Section under Committee Members. <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/watersafety/members.cfm>

Contest guidelines can be found in the NRM Gateway water safety section at this link <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/watersafety/photos.cfm>.

The winning photos from the past three contests that you can download are on the NRM Community MS-Teams page in the files folder under water safety. To join the NRM Community Teams page open MS-Teams, click on Teams, click on plus (+) sign at the top of your Teams list, click on “Join team”, under “Join a team with a code” enter code fmc90v1, click on “Add team”.

K-12 Personal Flotation Device Education Standard: Public Comment Period Now Open through December 5, 2024

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) National Boating Standards Panel (BSP) is seeking your feedback on the new American National Standard candidate, the K-12 Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Education Standard. Currently, there is no uniform education standard that supports the state and federal requirements for children to wear PFDs. BSP established the K-12 Workgroup to develop a standard to serve as the foundation for curriculum developers to address this need. The goal of this Standard is to educate a younger audience of boaters, an audience that will carry the lesson of safety throughout their lives on the water. PFD wear/use is a key safety behavior that can lead to the decrease in drowning related deaths; developing education tools designed specifically for the boating youth creates a path towards prevention. The draft K-12 PFD Education Standard is available for public review through NASLA’s EZ-BSP. This is a 90-day comment period that closes on December 5, 2024. To access EZ-BSP click on this link <https://bsp.nasbla.org/esp/>, register and login to be able to review and provide comments on the standard.

Sea Tow Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Application Deadline: February 1, 2025

The Sea Tow Foundation has announced that those interested including USACE lake and river project offices can apply for life jackets that can be used to host a new life jacket loaner station, or restock an existing one at your location or in your community. All materials associated with this offer are free. As part of a grant administered through the U.S. Coast Guard’s Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund, the Sea Tow Foundation has received funding to work with organizations and communities throughout the U.S. to provide life jackets for loaner stations for the 2025 boating season. Any organization, company, or individual that is interested in receiving life jackets can fill out the application on the Sea Tow Foundation’s website. Here is the link to the application, <https://www.boatingsafety.com/page/grant-application>.

International Boating and Water Safety Summit: April 14 - 17, 2025, Glendale, AZ

Early Registration Deadline: January 15, 2025

More information and details can be found at <https://www.ibwss.org/>.



There is an image hidden in this journal. Your job is to find it. This journal's image is this one of Ranger Toro. The actual image may be larger or smaller than what you see here. If you find the image, email Pam Doty, National Water Safety Program Manager, pamela.j.doty@usace.army.mil. Your email MUST include the subject as Ripples Journal Image, your name, shipping address, phone number, and the journal page number (not PDF page number) where you found the image. Entries need to be sent NLT November 27, 2024. The first five USACE employees that submit their entry correctly will receive Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns dry bag that was donated to the USACE National Water Safety Program by The Corps Foundation.



www.Bobber.info