

# **SPRING 2023**

## **WATER SAFETY**

### **INITIATIVES**

#### **NEWSLETTER**

North Atlantic Division



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# Announcements

## Goals for Water Safety Initiatives Newsletter

- Showcase what your project or office is doing
- Share water safety programs & initiative ideas
- Provide a record of NAD water safety initiatives

## Your insight is needed

Submissions due March 15th, June 15th, Sept. 15th, Dec. 15th

## North Atlantic Division Quick Facts

- 225 recreation sites at 47 lake projects in 9 states
  - CT, DE, MD, MA, NH, NY, PA, VT, WV
- Approximately 10 million visitors annually
- 72 boat ramps
- 470 miles of shoreline

## Water Safety Product Orders

25 orders were placed this year in NAD, up from the last several years! Orders are being shipped through April.

## FY98–22 USACE Public Recreation Fatalities Data Summary

Available on the NRM Gateway, Water Safety Section under Water Safety Program Statistics

## NRM Gateway Water Safety Section

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

## 2023 NAD Water Safety Meeting:

April 18th–19th, Otter Brook Lake, Keene, NH

# New England District (NAE)



## Ice Rescue Training

*Littleville Lake:*

Huntington, MA Fire Department utilized the frozen lake to practice ice rescue. (left)

*Tully Lake:*

Royalston, MA Fire Department utilized the wintery lake to try out their new ice rescue kayak.



## Franklin Falls Dam

The New England District has been getting plenty of snow this winter, this January storm dropped 15 inches on them.

Although less visitors are recreating on the water this time of year, it is always important to practice water safety.

## Buffumville Lake

As they are preparing for another busy summer season, Buffumville posted about their Life Jacket Loaner station as a reminder to always wear it. There are several USACE partnerships to acquire a loaner station and life jackets.



# Baltimore District (NAB)

## 2023 National Water Safety Award Winner

Congratulations to Ms. Rachael Gwinn, Student Conservation Association (SCA) Water Safety Intern for the Interpretive Services and Outreach Program (ISOP) at Raystown Lake as the recipient of the Employee Award.



## Jennings

### Randolph Lake

Staff, Volunteers, and Bobber attended a Christmas parade in December. They created a water safety theme on their pontoon & handed out water safety products along their route.



"You never know when you might need it."

W. Thorn, Gaitherburg, MD



## Float Coat Winners

10 people were randomly selected from the Water Recreation Winter giveaway entries to win a float coat. This giveaway was done in cooperation with The Corps Foundation. *Everyone has a reason to wear their life jacket, what's yours?*



"I wear my life jacket so that if something were to go wrong on the water I would have the best chance of survival and returning home to my family."

Mike Lathroum, Linthicum, MD



# Philadelphia District (NAP)

## Survey Section practices Water Safety.

NAP Survey Section along with state and local first responders participated in a water safety training at a local YMCA in February.



## Social Media

Be sure to share graphics like these from the National Water Safety Program's social media page, "Please Wear It", to your Social Media Page to promote Water Safety all year.



## Blue Marsh Lake

Everyone in NAD is getting snow this year! Encourage others to be like this snowman and get home with a smile. #Pleasewearit

