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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN DECLARES MAY 18th -24th “SAFE BOATING WEEK” IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

Awareness and Education Keys to Safe, Enjoyable Boating Season



Pictured l-r: Legislator Steve Stern, Jon Ten Haagen, Executive Officer & Liaison, Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs, Legislator William Spencer

HUNTINGTON, NY –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern’s legislation declaring May 18th-May 24th “Safe Boating Week” in Suffolk County was approved unanimously at the Legislature’s May General Session. “Safe Boating Week” is a national program to raise awareness of boating safety, encourage boaters to take boating safety courses, raise awareness of the dangers of boating while intoxicated and to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all those who enjoy Suffolk’s beautiful waterways. Every year people are killed and injured in

accidents that could be prevented through education and respect for the water. Jon Ten Haagen, Executive Officer and Liaison of the Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs, joined Legislator Stern to show his support for “Safe Boating Week.”

In conjunction with “Safe Boating Week,” The Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs, the Town of Huntington, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Neptune Sail and Power Squadron will be offering free New York State Boating Courses on May 13th, 15th and 17th. For more information about these classes, please call (631) 351-3256. On Saturday, May 18th, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer “Paddle Sports America” and the US Sail/Power Squadron will provide a Free Vessel Safety Check. On Sunday, May 19th, a Nautical Flea Market will take place from 11 am-4 pm at Mill Dam Park, Mill Dam Road, Huntington. For additional information, call (631) 421-1809. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20th-22nd, the US Sail/Power Squadron will offer classes in “Emergencies on Board”, “VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio” and “Sailing Class.” To register, call (631) 824-7128.

“Boating is one of the best parts of our centuries old tradition and culture in Suffolk County,” Legislator Stern said. “A day out on the water should be a pleasure, not one that ends in tragedy. As the boating season begins, let us all take steps to ensure that all Suffolk County boaters have a safe and enjoyable summer.”