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MEDIA RELEASE

It's that time of year! The lake is warming up, recreational boating is now in full swing, and Jobbie Nooner is right around the corner. There will be a multitude of agencies patrolling the lake on Friday to ensure everyone stays safe and in the event of an emergency. "We want everyone to be able to enjoy our waterways, whether you are attending Jobby Nooner or anytime you are out boating please educate yourself, plan ahead, and put safety first," says Sheriff Mat King.

It is essential that as a boater, you make sure your vessel is water ready.

- Have enough life vests for as many people are on board.
- Do not drink and boat. The legal limit is the same, .08.
- Make sure all of your navigation lights are functioning properly if there is a chance you will be out after dusk.
- Be aware of potential underwater hazards.
- Know your location water at all times and have a cell phone or marine radio on hand in the event of an emergency.

Every year, avoidable tragedies occur. Please celebrate responsibly. If you do find yourself in an emergency, please seek out law enforcement or call 911.

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