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National Safe Boating Week observed May 17-23

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, joins the National Safe Boating Council in observing National Safe Boating Week, May 17-23.

Remember that much like a helmet is to a biker or a skate boarder, life jackets are an essential part of boating safety equipment and should be worn at all times while on the water. Of the 676 recreational boating fatalities in 2004, 90 percent of victims were not wearing their life jackets.

Walla Walla District will be visiting two area events to promote water and boating safety in the next two weeks. Look for the Corps' participation at Safe Kids Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Kadlec Medical Center, at the corner of Swift Blvd. and Goethals Drive, in Richland. The event draws about 3,000 children and their families every year and features safety exhibits and instruction by 30 community organizations and 200 volunteers. The Corps will also have its booth and water safety instruction programs at the Tri-Cities Outdoor Adventure Expo, May 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Benton County Fairground in Kennewick. The objective of the Expo is to provide safe outdoor activity opportunities to young people, and especially those in grades 3-8.

For more information about National Safe Boating Week, visit the website the National Safe Boating Council, at <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.net>

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