



NATIONAL BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AWARENESS & ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

**OPERATION
DRY WATER**



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Village of Mamaroneck Police Department Joins *Operation Dry Water* to Educate Boaters on the Dangers of Impaired Boating

Mamaroneck, NY – As part of a nationwide effort to educate recreational boaters about the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department will join the annual *Operation Dry Water* campaign. The mission of *Operation Dry Water* is to reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities on the water.

Operation Dry Water weekend, July 4 - 6, marks a national effort dedicated to intensified recreational boater outreach, education, and coordinated enforcement against boating under the influence. Alcohol use continues to be the leading known contributing factor in recreational boater deaths and a leading contributor to boating incidents.¹ The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department urges all boaters to prioritize safety by choosing to boat sober throughout the year. The use of both legal and illegal drugs impairs judgment and reaction time, posing significant risks while on the water.

"As individuals and families venture to our nation's waterways for recreation, safety remains paramount. Our focus is to educate boaters on the risks of impaired operation while reinforcing essential safety practices, such as wearing life jackets and enrolling in boater education courses," emphasizes Chief P.J. Trujillo. "The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department is committed to ensuring all boaters have a safe and enjoyable experience on the water, emphasizing the importance of remaining sober and alert while underway."

During *Operation Dry Water* weekend, boating safety advocates, volunteers, and law enforcement personnel will collaborate to educate boaters on safe boating practices at marinas and on the water in every U.S. state and territory. Participating law enforcement agencies will also work to identify and remove dangerous and impaired operators. In 2023, law enforcement officers across the nation removed 717 impaired operators from our nation's waterways during *Operation Dry Water* weekend.

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department emphasizes the importance of boating sober, wearing a life jacket, and being courteous to others on the water. The risk of serious injury is equal for both operators and passengers when alcohol is involved.² Additionally, alcohol consumption by passengers poses a danger regardless of the operator's alcohol intake. Choose to boat sober this coming July 4th weekend to ensure everyone's safety on our nation's waterways.

Boaters can learn more about boating under the influence by visiting operationdrywater.org. *Operation Dry Water* is coordinated nationally by the [National Association of State Boating Law Administrators \(NASBLA\)](https://nasbla.org) in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard.

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¹ [2022 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics](https://www.uscg.mil/Portals/0/2022%20USCG%20Recreational%20Boating%20Statistics.pdf)

² [2019 Boating Under the Influence \(BUI\) Research Report](https://www.uscg.mil/Portals/0/2019%20Boating%20Under%20the%20Influence%20(BUI)%20Research%20Report.pdf)