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PROCLAMATION

SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK

May 21-27, 2011

WHEREAS May 21st has been declared SmartBoater.ca Day and the official kick off to Safe Boating Awareness Week, May 21-27; and

WHEREAS the County of Prince Edward is a beautiful island adventure renowned among yachtsmen and sport fishermen; and

WHEREAS traditionally the long weekend in May marks the unofficial start of summer and the beginning of the boating season when countless visitors and residents of the County head out to enjoy time on our magnificent lakes and other lakes and waterways throughout the province, participating in every type of boating, from a canoe or kayak trip to a power or sail boat cruise to a great day on the lake fishing; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Safe Boating Council is in the business of promoting safe and responsible boating throughout Canada as well as actively promoting key safety messages nationally; and

WHEREAS SmartBoater.ca Day and Safe Boating Awareness Week are co-operative campaigns developed for Canadian boaters and delivered by a large and dedicated number of boating safety stakeholders that includes government agencies, non-profit organizations, for profit companies, media outlets and individual volunteers; and

WHEREAS with everyone's continued support the Canadian Safe Boating Council, along with its members and partners, can continue to reduce the number of recreational boating incidents and save lives;

THEREFORE, I, Peter A. Mertens, Mayor of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim May 21st 2011 as SmartBoater.ca Day and May 21-27, 2011 as Safe Boating Awareness Week in the County of Prince Edward, and encourage boaters to focus on the five key tips to boating safety, which are: wear your life jacket; don't drink and boat; take a boating course; be prepared; and beware of cold water risks.

DATED at Picton this 12th day of May, 2011
Peter A. Mertens, Mayor