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Water Safety Council: “Watch for members in their bright orange t-shirts spreading the safety word. We are focused on promoting water safety in a positive, educational atmosphere and the members are devoting hundreds of hours over the next several weeks on various activities.”

Missouri Resolution and Proclamation— The Missouri Legislation Body will be presenting The Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council two documents:

A resolution recognizing not only their work promoting education and programs to help keep local citizens and visitors safe in and around the water, but highlighting LOTOCA as well.

A Missouri Proclamation for the kick off National Safe Boating Month.

Water Safety Classes - Classes are being taught all around the Lake from preschoolers through adults. Thirty four classes have been given over the winter months led by the Water Patrol. They will continue with additional preschool classes (24+) in conjunction with the Camden County Health Department.

Courtesy Boat Inspections—On May 19 the Water Patrol will be conducting courtesy boat inspections at various marinas around the lake—more to follow.

Lil’ Laker - Working in conjunction with the Camdenton High School LASER team, a robotic boat has been developed that will be used at public affair events, meetings, and schools, promoting life jacket and water safety.

Life Jacket Photo Contest - The third annual photo contest for ‘Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day’ will be May 18. More information to follow--

Information Distribution-on May 21st the water patrol along with WSC volunteers will be distributing the following information:

Designate a Captain - A map showing their locations also includes a key chain. Any captain of a boat who shows the key chain at one of the participating restaurants will receive a free non-alcoholic beverage.

Wake Brochures – A rack card giving more information on wakes and how to handle them.

Life Jacket Zone - Additional teams will be painting bright orange stencils with the words “Life Jacket Zone” on various ramps and walkways around the Lake. These will serve as a reminder to boaters to wear their life jackets. In addition, the stencil is available to individuals, with donations welcome to help offset expenses for this program. Volunteers will gladly bring the stencil and paint to your home and/or business upon request.

For more information visit www.safelake.org, or check out the Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council on Facebook. They can also be contacted at LOTOWSC@gmail.com