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## Media Release Operation Dry Water 2019

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**Incident:**

**This year's National Operation Dry Water is scheduled for the weekend of July 5th -7th.**

**The Yakima County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit will again be participating in this operation.**

### *Campaign Overview*

#### *OPERATION DRY WATER*

*July 5 – 7, 2019*

About Operation Dry Water:

Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement weekend is July 5 - 7, 2019.

Operation Dry Water is a national awareness and enforcement campaign focused on reducing the number of alcohol - and drug- related accidents and fatalities and fostering a stronger, more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the water.

Operation Dry Water is coordinated by the National Association of State



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Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), in partnership with the U.S. Coast

Guard as well as local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Agencies from all 56 U.S. states, trusts and territories are expected to participate in Operation Dry Water and in the Operation Dry Water 2019 heightened awareness and enforcement weekend, July 5 - 7.

Launched in 2009 by NASBLA in partnership with the United States Coast Guard, Operation Dry Water has been a highly successful campaign, drawing public attention to the dangers of boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol and drugs.

Since the inception of the Operation Dry Water Campaign in 2009, law enforcement officers have removed 3,532 BUI operators from the nation's waterways and made contact with over 1.3 million boaters during the annual three-day weekend. The campaign continues to make a significant impact on boater safety and spreading the message of the danger of boating under the influence.

Operation Dry Water weekend is held annually near the Fourth of July holiday, a holiday known for increased boaters on the waters where alcohol use is prevalent, as are subsequent boating accidents and fatalities.



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**WHILE IMPAIRED.**