

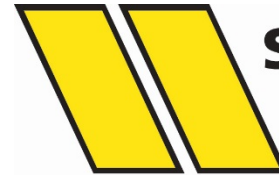
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– Find Out How and Why –

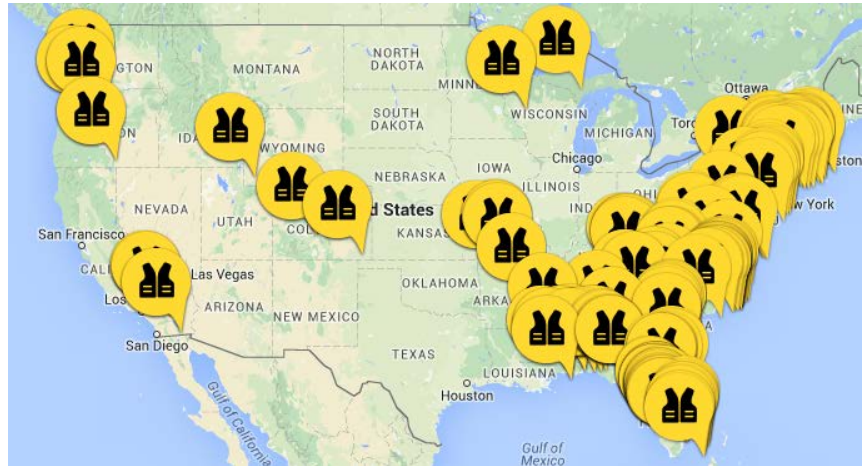
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# Sea Tow Foundation

- Life jacket loaner station program overview
- Grant program
- Building community awareness for your group



**Sea Tow Foundation**  
for Boating Safety and Education



# Sea Tow Foundation

## Michael Wesolowski

- Executive Director
- Lake boater, coffee drinker, pastry eater, and runner.
- Background in economic and nonprofit development.



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## Life Jacket Loaner Program

“ This life jacket saved us in a pinch while we were out of town in Connecticut.

Thank you Sea Tow Foundation! ”

- Andy and Steff Spiers



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## Life Jacket Program Grant

- Application due Feb 29

## You Get

- 50+ jackets
- Manual
- Stand, if needed

## How It Works

- We ask you to report use



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## Building Community Awareness for Your Group Media Outreach

- Boating Safety Week
- How to fit a jacket
- Ribbon cutting

## Partner Opportunities

- Groups such as Wake the World



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## Funding

Programs are funded in part by federal grants from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

## Website

- [BoatingSafety.com](http://BoatingSafety.com)



Thank you for your attention  
and Go US Sailing!







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- *Type* ratings no longer apply.
- Saved By The Jacket.
- Life jacket fashion show.
- How to pick the right life jacket.
- Life jacket emergency drill.



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Effective October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 a rule was issued removing references to *Type* codes in regulations on the carriage and labeling of Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices (PFDs).



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# Saved By The Jacket



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## Life jacket fashion show.

- Near shore inherently buoyant
- Near shore inflatable
- Near shore inflatable fanny pack
- Small boat / paddling
- Float coat



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How to pick the right life jacket.



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How to pick the right life jacket.

- Purpose (intended use)



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How to pick the right life jacket.

- Purpose (intended use)
- Coast Guard approved





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How to pick the right life jacket.

- Purpose (intended use)
- Coast Guard approved
- **Size, fit and comfort**



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How to pick the right life jacket.

- Purpose (intended use)
- Coast Guard approved
- Size, fit and comfort
- Effectiveness and floatation



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How to pick the right life jacket.

- Purpose (intended use)
- Coast Guard approved
- Size, fit and comfort
- Effectiveness and floatation
- **Maintenance required**



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How to pick the right life jacket.

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Life jacket emergency drill.



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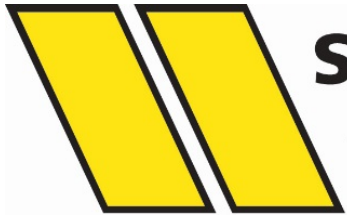
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**Questions?**

**Comments?**

**Come see me at the Community  
Booth on Friday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
But whatever you do – Just Wear It!**



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