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**BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTS BOATERS TO TAKE THE
PLEDGE TO NEVER BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE**
OPERATION DRY WATER CAMPAIGN EMPHASIS PATROLS JUNE 27, 28 AND 29

Bonney Lake, WA. June 27th-29th, 2014 – The Bonney Lake Police Department and the Washington State Parks Boating Programs want your support by taking the pledge to NEVER operate a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the Operation Dry Water campaign on June 27-29.

Operation Dry Water (ODW) is a national boating under the influence (BUI) campaign developed by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the United States Coast Guard. Now in its sixth year, ODW partners with the recreational boaters, as well as local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to bring attention to the dangers of drinking and boating. ODW encourages boaters to pledge to make wise decisions about alcohol use, and NEVER drink while boating.

The campaign focuses on preventing accidents, injuries and deaths resulting from people abusing alcohol or drugs while operating boats. The 2013 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics stated that, alcohol is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 16 percent of deaths. According to Washington State Parks Boating Programs, between 2007 and 2013, at least 36 people died in reportable boating accidents where alcohol use was a contributing factor.