

Coast Guard urges kayak, canoe safety

Staff Reports

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According to 2010 Coast Guard statistics, canoe and kayak fatalities were second only to those involving open motorboats. Of those who drowned, 88 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

During National Safe Boating Week May 19-25, Flotilla 25 of the USCG Auxiliary is teaming up with the Golden Corners Power Squadron to teach the Paddle Smart Course and to perform safety inspections on canoes and kayaks.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon at High Falls County Park on Lake Keowee. The cost is \$25 per person for manual and supplies. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. but advance registration is recommended at 864-985-0788 or mjstroven@bellsouth.net.

