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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Nautical Services Unit. I hope you are as excited for the upcoming boating season as we are.

I am reaching out to touch base with community boards in an effort to make this boating season the best it can be. We want to have open lines of communication with our community partners and we feel it is fair to provide you with information for our plans for this year.

The NSU has several missions which include patrolling all bodies of water within Douglas County, enforcement of hunting, fishing, boating laws, and investigating boat accidents. We encourage boat owners to make sure their vessels are properly registered, insured, and equipped with all mandatory safety equipment for the upcoming boating season. Because it is our responsibility to regulate and enforce boating laws in the Nebraska State Boat Act, we will issue citations where appropriate. If we work together in giving as much notice as possible to boat owners we think our enforcement actions will be minimal.

If people want more information about specific regulations resources are available on the Nebraska Game and Parks website: www.outdoornebraska.gov/guides.

It would be helpful if you provided a point of contact for future communications. Please contact myself, Sergeant Nate Kovarik, at 402-444-7934 or at Nathan.Kovarik@douglascounty-ne.gov. We look forward to having a fun and safe boating season.

Sincerely,

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