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MEDIA ADVISORY: Floaters Down, Rescues Up

With a little more than two weeks left in the official summer boating season, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department again wants to remind the public to always use caution when playing in and around all Fresno County waterways, and to wear a personal floatation device while in the water.

This warning stems from the continuous rise in water related rescues over the past few weeks.

Although water levels, and the amount of recreational water users are decreasing, water related rescues are rising.

Over the past two weekends, deputies from the department's Boating Enforcement Unit performed more than 40 water related rescues. Almost all of the subjects rescued were not wearing life jackets or vests.

So far this year there have been 5 deaths attributed to drowning or boating accidents. Last year, there were 9 total deaths.

Sheriff's Department personnel are trained in a variety of water rescue situations. The Sheriff's Department does not encourage anyone to attempt to affect rescues on their own. The public is reminded that should someone in the water need assistance to immediately call 911, or the Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.