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***U.S.C.G. Auxiliary North Jersey Shore Area Division to host boating  
safety poster contest celebrating National Safe Boating Week***

**POINT PLEASANT, NJ** – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary North Jersey Shore Division is proud to announce it will be hosting a boating safety poster contest in honor of National Safe Boating Week 2025 for students in grades 3-5 throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties.

“National Safe Boating Week, happening this year from May 17–23, marks the unofficial start of the summer boating season. Along with staying safe on the water, it’s also important to care for our environment. That’s why we’re inviting students in grades 3–5 to create a poster that highlights how we can all help protect our waterways and the marine animals that live in them,” said North Jersey Shore Division Commander AUX Annamarie Ackaway. “Ideas might include organizing beach cleanups, practicing safe fueling at the dock, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) whale watching initiative, ‘See a Spout’ which encourages keeping a respectful distance from marine life both onshore and in the water. This year, we’re thrilled to be teaming up with Jenkinson’s Aquarium, who will be offering private tours to our contest winners! We’re looking forward to seeing your creativity—make sure to submit your posters by May 24!”

According to their website, Jenkinson’s Aquarium is a privately owned facility located on the boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. Opening in June of 1991, Jenkinson’s Aquarium has proven to be a valuable educational and recreational resource, as evidenced by its growing popularity. The aquarium is dedicated to educating the public on all aspects of marine life and conservation. Each exhibit is designed to promote awareness of the animals, their habitats and conservation.

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**Rules for the contest are as follows:**

- Students must be in grades 3-5 in Monmouth or Ocean County
- Posters must be on a standard 22-inch by 28-inch poster board. Any art method is permitted on the board.
- Please follow the theme **“Ways we all do our part to protect our waterways and sea animals that inhabit”**.
- The student’s name, teacher’s name and school must be printed neatly in the lower right-hand corner on the back of the poster.
- Please contact the Division at 732-592-9067 to arrange drop off of the posters.
- Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place winners in each grade.
- First Place Prize will be Family of 5 Pack to the Boardwalk. It includes the aquarium, rides, beach, funhouse and mini golf
- Second Place Prize will be for a Private Behind the Scenes Tour of the Aquarium for 4 people.
- Third Place Prize will be an Animal Adoption of their choice from our website, [www.jenkinsons.com/aquarium](http://www.jenkinsons.com/aquarium)
- Each winner will also receive a prize bag from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary including a Challenge Coin.
- The deadline for submission is Saturday, May 24. Winners will be notified and announced at a later date.

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In addition to the contest, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division North Jersey Shore offers a variety of programs and resources to help boaters stay safe on the water.

“Our Division is committed to providing information to the boating public to help keep them safe,” said Ackaway. “We encourage everyone to take a boating safety class, schedule a free vessel safety check, and always wear your lifejacket when you are out on the water.”

For more information or questions, call 732-592-9067.

*The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)*

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