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Partnership to Provide Free Loaner Life Jackets to Local Boaters

The Tehama County Sheriff's Boating Safety Unit to Launch Sea Tow Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Stations in Red Bluff and Corning.

Red Bluff, California – Tehama County Sheriff's Boating Safety Unit – through a partnership with boating safety nonprofit, the Sea Tow Foundation – has announced the opening of a new Life Jacket Loaner Station, which will be available to Red Bluff and Corning area boaters starting in May 23, 2020.

The stations – which will be located at the Tehama County Sheriff's Office and Corning Police Department – will hold life jackets that local boaters may borrow and use, free of charge. Available in sizes ranging from infant to Adult XL, these life jackets help to ensure each of a boat's passengers have access to necessary safety equipment.

“We're excited to partner with the Sea Tow Foundation to make this Life Jacket Loaner Station available to boaters in our area,” said Sergeant Mark Levindofske of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. “This will help ensure boaters of all ages have enough proper-fitting life jackets, which will go a long way toward keeping people safe while they're out enjoying the beautiful Sacramento River.”

Since 2008, the Sea Tow Foundation has distributed over 60,000 life jackets to local businesses and organizations across the country. These stations are placed in locations where boaters will have easy access to the life jackets, such as boat ramps, marinas and parks. Boaters may borrow the life jackets at no cost and are asked to return them when they are finished so that they are available for others to use.

“The opening of these new Life Jacket Loaner Stations in Red Bluff and Corning is a major achievement, and we are proud to partner with The Tehama County Sheriff's Office to ensure the public's access to these life jackets,” said Gail R. Kulp, the Sea Tow Foundation's executive director. “With such a strong boating culture, we know that these life jackets will save lives this boating season and for years to come.”

For additional information on the Sea Tow Foundation and to locate a Life Jacket Loaner Station near you, visit www.boatingsafety.com.

For more information regarding this program contact Sgt. Mark Levindofske at mlevindofske@tehamaso.org or call at 530-529-4172.

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