

FLOATNOTES

Kids Don't Float Program News
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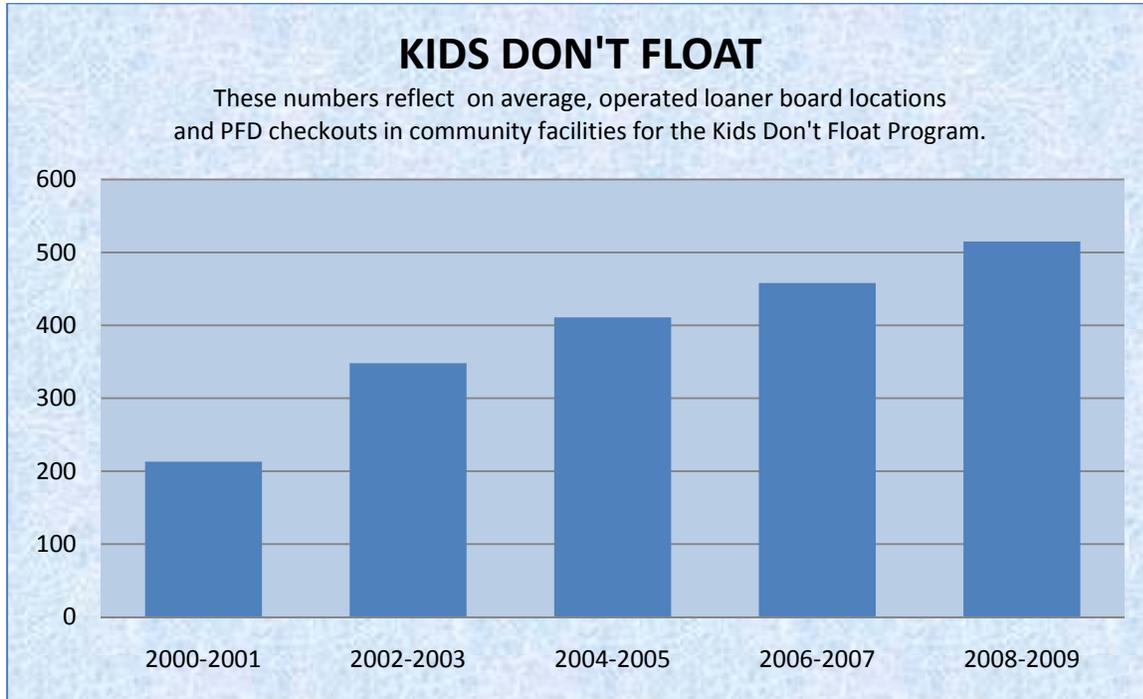
COMMUNITY SPONSORS WANTED:

There have been over 600 Kids Don't Float loaner board sites initiated since the programs beginning in 1996. Over time, several sites have lost momentum for a variety of reasons. We are seeking a few good community members to bring them back to life.

If you are interested in becoming a site sponsor or know of an organization that would, please contact Maria Bailey at (907) 465-4170. If you know that one of the sites listed below is still up and running, please also let Maria know.

Site Location	Site Description	Site Location	Site Description
Fairbanks	Artic Village Two Rivers Twin Bears Camp	Craig	North Cove False Island Boat Ramp
Anvik	Anvik Community	Nunam Iqua	Nunam Iqua community
Crooked Creek	Crooked Creek Community	Grayling	Grayling Community
Eagle	Boat Launch Eagle Recreation Hall	Ewok	Nushgak River Nushgak River, point 2
Minto	North Boat Ramp South Boat Ramp	Healy	Healy Lake Boat launch Delta-side of Healy lake
Eklutna	Eklutna Lake	Holly Cross	Holly Cross Community
Atka	Atka Community	Hughes	Hughes Community
Chuthbaluk	Chuthbaluk Community	Huslia	Koyukuk River boat launch
Coffman Cove	Coffman Cove Dock	Kalskag	Kalskag Community
False Pass	False Pass Clinic	Kaltag	Kaltag Community
Glennallen	O'Brien Creek Julakana Village Klutina River	Kenai	Granite Creek Morgans Landing Dots Fish Camp Sportsmans Landing Upper & Lower Swan Lake Canoe landing
Galena	Yukon River boat launch	King Cove	King Cove City Hall
Ereka	Ereka Community	Klukwan	Klukwan Dock
Mentasta	Mentasta lake	Kodiak	City Dock
		Levelock	Levelock community
Moose Creek	Bath Beauty Pond	Gakona	Lake Louise 160 mile
Newhalen	Dump Lake Newhalen River six mile	Palmer	Finger lake Kepler Bradley Rec.
Nicholai	Nikolai Kuskokwim River	Paxson	Paxson Lake
Nulato	Nulato community	Pelican	Pelican Harbor
Wales	Wales community	Big Lake	Rocky Lake
Port Heiden	North River Swim Lake	Red Devil	Red Devil community
Tenakee Springs	Boat harbor	Ruby	South bank of the Yukon River
Salcha	Chena Lakes boat ramp	South Naknek	South Naknek Clinic
Stoney River	Stoney River community	Manley Hot Springs	Manley Hot Springs community
Pilot Point	Dago Creek Airport Lake	Port Protection	School grounds Wooden Cove Trading Post

DATA:



SUCCESS:

17 LIVES REPORTED SAVED

Reporting a life saved due to a don Kids Don't Float life jacket is essential to the Kids Don't Float Program. Please send any news to maria.bailey@alaska.gov. Thank you all for making this a vital program in your community.

OTHER NEWS:

Lifejacket shipments~ Life jackets are expected to arrive in communities on or before Memorial Day Weekend.

KDF Mascot~ The US Coast Guard Seventeenth District in southeast Alaska has added a new edition to their education team. Reporting for duty is a 6-foot tall otter mascot that has already visited several community and safety events throughout Alaska. For more information about PFD Otter, please contact Mike Swanson at (907) 463-2298.



New KDF Decal~ The Alaska Office of Boating Safety has been working diligently with community members young and old in creating a new board design that will become available later this year. They would LOVE to hear what you have to say about the new designs! Please check out the designs below and let Megan (megan.piersma@alaska.gov) know which is your favorite and why. The final design will be chosen by April 6.

BOARD DESIGN #1

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Life Jacket Loaner Station

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Legislative Sessions~ **OUR BILL PASSED!** In 2009 HB 151 "An Act amending the termination date of the statewide boating safety and education program to extend until 2011". In 2010, HB 294 was introduced to extend the boating safety program funds from 2011 to 2016.

Q&A:

Where do I go to update my site? *An online request form can be found at www.kidsdontfloat.alaska.gov. You can fill out the form to update your site information or start a new site.*

I am moving, what about the site I am sponsoring? *Let the KDF staff know that you are leaving by visiting the KDF website or calling (907) 465-4170. Ideally, you find someone else in your community that would like to take on the responsibility. Once a new sponsor had been found, please contact Maria at (907) 465-4170 with new contact information.*

All the life jackets are gone from the kiosk, how do I get more? *You can go online at anytime and submit a request form, please note, however, that the main life jacket order is placed in January every year, to ensure that the life jackets get to communities by the springtime. Requests after that will come from life jacket reserves that may or may not be available depending on demand.*

How much will this program cost us? *At this time there is funding available for educational materials, kiosk signs and life jackets. All you need to provide are the building materials for the kiosk and the manual labor!*

How do I find out where KDF boards are located and who the sponsors are? *There will be a list posted online at www.kidsdontfloat.alaska.gov by spring 2010 or for more detailed information call (907) 465-4170.*

How are orders done? *A mass order of life jackets is placed at the beginning of each year. To ensure that your community is on the list for the next season, requests should be received no later than December 15th.*

How do I build the site kiosk to store the life jackets? *There are several different designs available in your sponsor manual and will be available online later in the year.*

Is there water safety training available? *There are several organizations that specialize in boating and water safety training programs. Contact Joe McCullough, Education Specialist for the Alaska Boating Safety Program at (907) 269-8704 or Mike Folkerts, Recreational Boating Safety Specialist, with the US Coast Guard at (907) 463-2297.*

KEY SPONSOR AGENCIES:

Injury Prevention Programs, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services coordinates to establish and maintain loaner sites and provides data information and surveillance on the Kids Don't Float Program. Contact: Maria Bailey at (907) 465-4170 or by email to maria.bailey@alaska.gov.

Alaska Office of Boating Safety, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation provides water and boating safety courses for the public and future instructors. They also purchase the majority of the life jackets for the KDF loaner sites. Contact: Jeanette Wilkinson at (907) 269-8706 or jeanette.wilkinson@alaska.gov.

Seventeenth US Coast Guard District- Promotes safe boating through training for all ages, The Coast Guard also prints and distributes the loaner board signs, and purchases life jackets for sites when funds are available. Contact: Mike Swanson at (907)463-2298 or Mike Folkerts at (907) 463-2297.