

Island Lake to be scene Saturday of event promoting life jackets

As the boating season gets ready to move into full gear, the issue of safety is at the forefront of promotion.

This weekend, the National Safe Boating Council, in partnership with the Canadian Safe Boating Council, will be hosting multiple events for the sixth annual Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day.

Although not part of the scheduled national events, one will be held locally Saturday at the Island Lake Conservation Area, near Orangeville.

Nationally, the events aim to set a world record for the most life jackets worn and inflatable jackets inflated. While the sponsors are hoping to set a world record, a big factor of the events is to educate people about life jackets and safe boating, along with promoting the comfortable and versatile options available for life jackets.

The National Safe Boating Council and the Canadian Safe Boating Council are not only hoping to set another world record by surpassing 2014's 6,973 participants across nine countries, but are also hoping that they will have the opportunity to educate even more people about safe boating.

Belfountain resident David Donaldson, an avid kayaker, will be hosting a Wear Your PFD Event at Island Lake, at 673067 Hurontario St. South, Saturday at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Donaldson at david@dragonson.org or visit the event's website, www.readysetwearit.com