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MDMR Marine Patrol issues 28 citations over July 4th weekend

BILOXI, Miss. – Marine Patrol officers with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources issued 28 boat and water citations between July 4-6.

In addition, officers arrested eight people for boating under the influence during that same time period.

Officers checked a total of 352 boats and 1,486 people during the holiday weekend, said Keith Davis, chief of Marine Patrol.

He added that there was one minor accident involving two Jet Skis.

"More people go out on the water during a holiday weekend," Davis said. "We want people to enjoy our waterways through boating and fishing, but we also want them to be safe. Boaters need to make sure they have the proper safety equipment on board for their protection and their passengers' protection.

"They also need to have a designated driver," he said. "Boating under the influence is a serious offense, and we do not want people to put their lives and the lives of others at risk."

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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