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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. This ALSAFE applies to all Navy and Marine Corps commands. The 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety campaign is an annual Navy and Marine Corps initiative spearheaded by Naval Safety Command (NAVSAFECOM) to increase awareness of potential risks related to off-duty recreational activities, as well as other summertime endeavors. It is the longest vacation period of the year for military members, beginning Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend. Summer also includes four holidays, which are frequently command-approved extended weekends for uniformed personnel. This year, the campaign runs from 23 May to 7 September.

2. During the 101 Critical Days of Summer in 2025, the Department of the Navy lost 27 Sailors and Marines to preventable off-duty mishaps. A general lack of situational awareness and complacency are root causes in numerous off-duty mishaps every summer. It is imperative to maintain an active risk management mindset. Safety Command provides campaign material to assist commands in their efforts to educate our Sailors and Marines on how to mitigate potential risks of summertime activities so they can safely enjoy this time with family and friends.

3. NAVSAFECOM mishap data indicates over the past five years, the number of mishaps that are not PMV-4 and PMV-2 related has remained consistent without any troubling upward trends. As such, the campaign likely has made a positive impact, thanks to the educational efforts of our safety professional and public affairs communities. NAVSAFECOM encourages the Naval enterprise to continue getting out in front and not let their guard down in their collective efforts to educate about risk, foster personal ownership and accountability and understand behaviors that lead to summer-related mishaps.

4. The safety stand down presentation is available at
<https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/off-duty/101-cdos/>

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