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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sheriff Scott Goddard reports that his office received a call of a stranded boater yelling for help on Clearwater Lake in Nokay Lake Township at 12:59 pm on April 29, 2021. Deputies responded along with members of the Deerwood Fire Department and Crosby Ambulance to assist. Citizens on shore were able to launch a Jet Ski and aided in the recovery of an uninjured adult male. The small, 8 foot watercraft he was operating with a trolling motor became unable to navigate back to shore due to windy conditions.

Sheriff Goddard expresses his appreciation to those citizens and responders who acted quickly to a boater in distress. "This is a great example of neighbors looking out for neighbors which lead to a successful outcome," Sheriff Goddard states. Sheriff Goddard reminds all boaters to wear proper life jackets and have all necessary safety equipment onboard their watercraft. Sheriff Goddard continued, "We are entering the busy boating season, and I want to emphasize that boating safety needs to be in the forefront of everyone's mind who take to the water."

Please visit <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/index.html> for a complete guide on water safety regulations.