

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to attend your

\_\_\_\_\_. As you know, my passion is boating and spending as much time aboard as we can. The northwest's short boating season and the high costs associated with the boat to sit idle (unused for the weekend) requires me to say no to all non-boating events planned during the boating season. Please don't take this personally, but I hope you understand my formal summer weekend policy. If you would like to move your special event after November 15<sup>th</sup> and before April 15<sup>th</sup>, I would be happy to attend. I hope you respect my position.

Sincerely,