

BOATING SAFETY



- Being a responsible boater is as important as being a responsible driver. Keep your boat in tip top condition. Like driving, alcohol and boating don't mix.
- Weather can change rapidly. Check the weather before departing and then remain alert for changes.
- Always have one personal flotation device (PFD) per person on the boat, and ensure children wear theirs at all times. Wearing life preservers is the best course of action, whether you are a swimmer or non-swimmer.
- Don't overload the boat. Know the limitations of your boat before you go. Keep the proper safety equipment aboard and ready for immediate use.
- Attend a Coast Guard approved boater safety course. Knowledge is one of the best ways to reduce risk in a given activity. Contact Outdoor Recreation (ex. 5366) for more information on boating safety.
- When swimming, boating or fishing, inform a responsible person, who is not going with you, where you are going, when you expect to return, and when to send out the search party.
- Use the buddy system any time you participate in water activities.

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