

To keep a fun-filled day on the water from becoming tragic, follow these simple rules:

# Tips for Safe and Fun Boating

## Use life preservers

Carry a proper-fitting Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device for each person on board. State law requires children under age 12 to wear a life jacket AT ALL TIMES while the vessel is underway. For everyone's safety, all boaters should wear one when on the water.

## Don't drink and operate a boat

It is dangerous and against the law to operate a boat while intoxicated. Intoxicated passengers also risk falling overboard and drowning.



## Watch your speed

The speed limit is 5 mph within 200 feet of a swimming beach or boat dock, and within 100 feet of a swimmer. Follow all posted signs.

## Check other safety equipment

Do you have a fire extinguisher, anchor, signal device, radio and/or cell phone? Know BEFORE you go!

## Beware of underwater hazards

Changing water levels may expose rocks or other hazards, or hide them just below the surface. Stay in the main channel when cruising.

## Inhaling carbon monoxide can be dangerous

State law prohibits the dangerous practice of platform dragging, or "teak surfing," behind a boat. Anyone near the boat's engine or exhaust is exposed to carbon monoxide, which can cause a loss of consciousness and drowning.

**If you need assistance or have questions, contact park staff.**

