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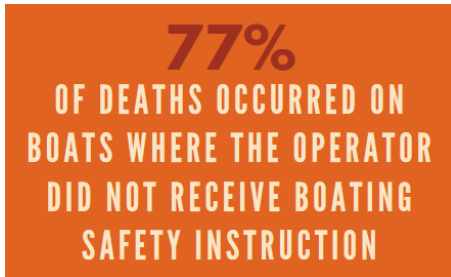
- Use #SafeBoatingTips when sharing these messages.
- Before you hit the water, make sure you have successfully completed these tasks.



- Don't let a BUI sink a good time. #OperationDryWater #staysober #SafeBoatingTips



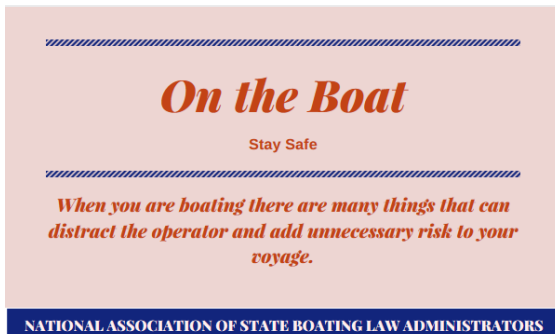
- Taking a boating safety course can remind you of the serious hazards associated with boating. #SafeBoatingTips



- Don't become another statistic. Safe boating is smart boating. #SafeBoatingTips



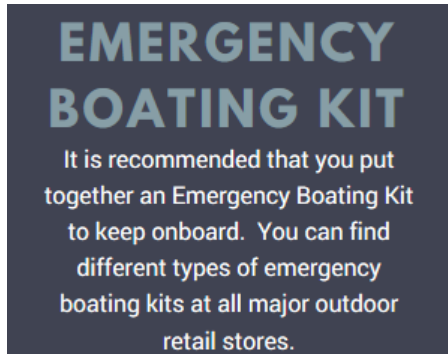
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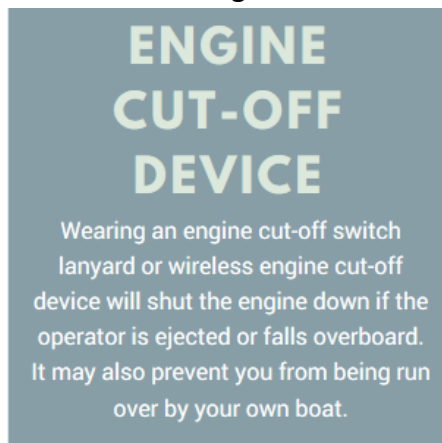
BE AWARE

Always be aware of your surroundings while boating. Operate your boat at a safe speed, stay alert and avoid large vessels and other boats that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn.

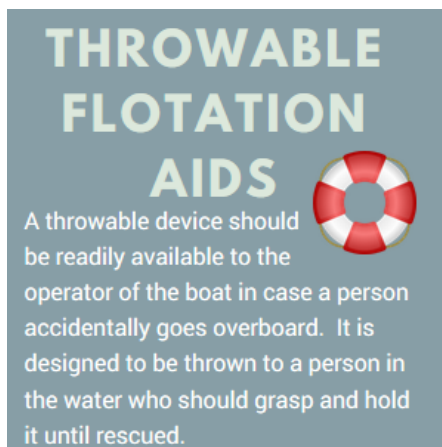
- Emergency Boating Kits should be on board every vessel. Do not forget to get yours from your local outdoor retailer.



- An unmanned, out of control boat may circle ejected occupants, often running them over. Wear an engine cut-off device! #SafeBoatingTips



- Throwable devices include buoyant cushions, ring buoys, and horseshoe buoys. These throwable devices should be USCG approved.



- Remember to follow all buoys and navigation aids on the water.

FOLLOW NAVIGATION AIDS

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Everyone should enjoy boating and spending time on the water. Following these tips will go a long way toward a safe summer of boating.

- Always stay safe while on the water by following these safety tips! #SafeBoatingTips

On the Boat

Stay Safe

When you are boating there are many things that can distract the operator and add unnecessary risk to your voyage.

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BOAT SOBER.

Alcohol use is the primary contributing factor in boater fatalities and can be easily avoided by choosing not to boat and drink. Do not bring or consume alcohol or drugs while on the water.






LIFE JACKETS

They float, you don't. Life jackets are a non-negotiable on any boating trip. U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that more than 80 percent of those who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.

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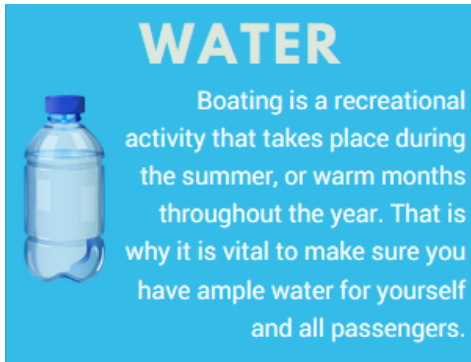
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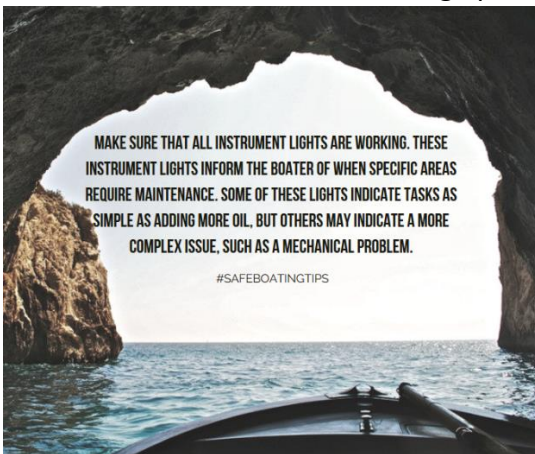
- Bring water for everyone onboard the boat. Boating takes place during the warmer months of the year & it is vital to stay hydrated.



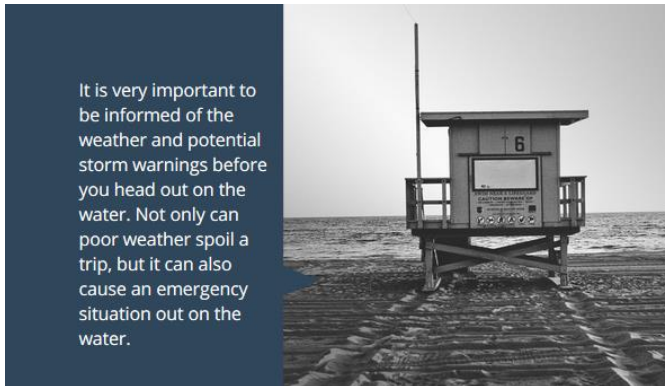
- Vessel Safety checks are free of charge, and you will have the chance to receive helpful recommendations and boating safety tips.



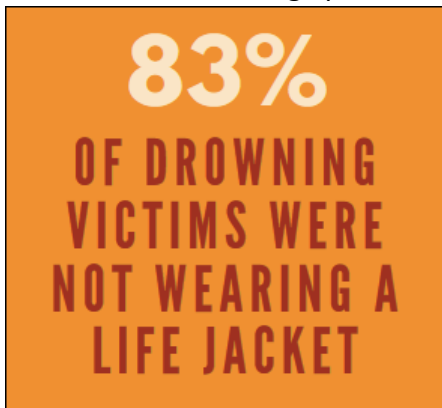
- Always make sure your instrument lights are working so that you don't miss important maintenance checks. #SafeBoatingTips



- Don't let a hot day ruin your engine. Always check the engine oil and coolant levels to prevent damage to the engine. #SafeBoatingTips
- Always check the weather prior to leaving shore. It is better to postpone a boating trip than to become a victim of the weather.

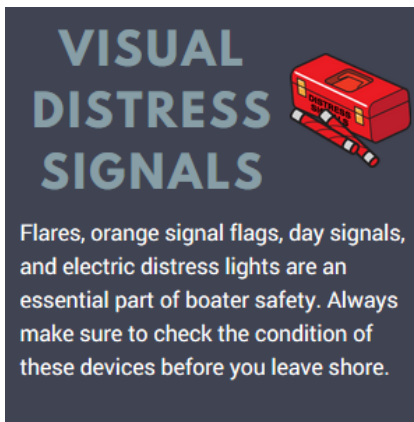


- Be sure to designate an assistant Skipper! Always have more than one person onboard capable of navigating the vessel. #SafeBoatingTips
- Always explain the location and use of all life jackets to passengers that may be new to the boat. #SafeBoatingTips

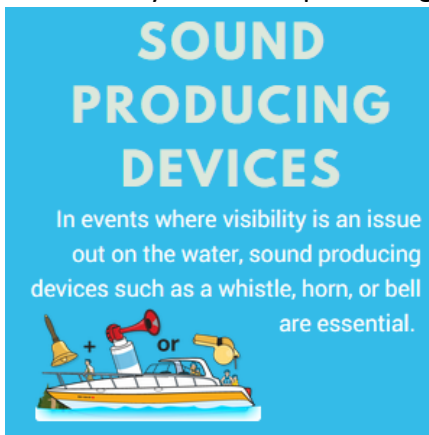


- Before you go boating: take a safe boating course, receive a free vessel safety check and go over your boat safety checklist. #SafeBoatingTips

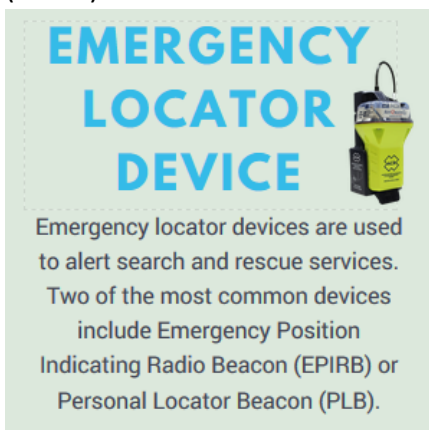
- Make sure your vessel is fully equipped with visual distress signals. #SafeBoatingTips



- Make sure your sound producing device can be audible from one-half mile.



- Never get lost. Make sure you have an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB). #SafeBoatingTips



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