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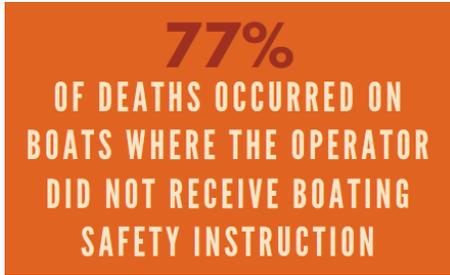
- Use #SafeBoatingTips when sharing these messages.
- Before you hit the water, make sure you have successfully completed these tasks.



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



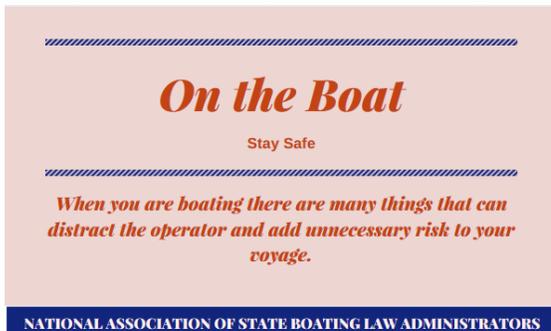
- Taking a boating safety course can remind you of the serious hazards associated with boating. #SafeBoatingTips



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



- Always be aware of your surroundings. #SafeBoatingTips



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.

**EMERGENCY
BOATING KIT**

It is recommended that you put together an Emergency Boating Kit to keep onboard. You can find different types of emergency boating kits at all major outdoor retail stores.

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

**ENGINE
CUT-OFF
DEVICE**

Wearing an engine cut-off switch lanyard or wireless engine cut-off device will shut the engine down if the operator is ejected or falls overboard. It may also prevent you from being run over by your own boat.

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

**THROWABLE
FLOTATION
AIDS**



A throwable device should be readily available to the operator of the boat in case a person accidentally goes overboard. It is designed to be thrown to a person in the water who should grasp and hold it until rescued.

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

FOLLOW NAVIGATION AIDS

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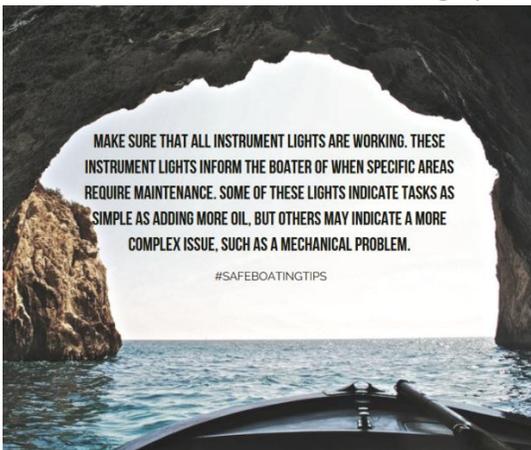
- Bring water for everyone onboard the boat. Boating takes place during the warmer months of the year & it is vital to stay hydrated.



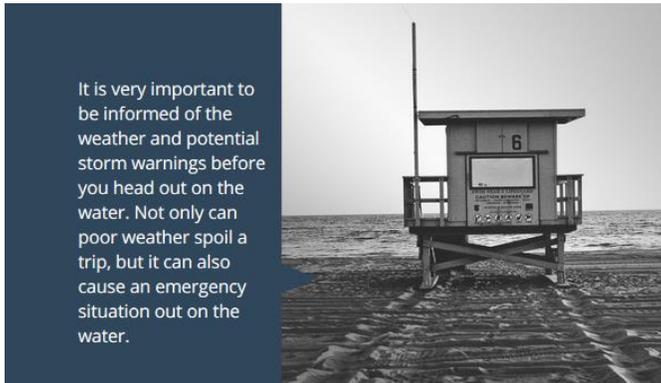
- Vessel Safety checks are free of charge, and you will have the chance to receive helpful recommendations and boating safety tips.



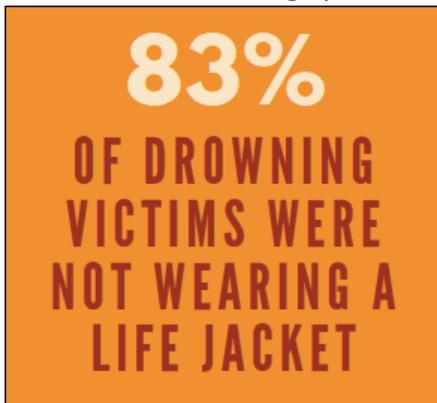
- Always make sure your instrument lights are working so that you don't miss important maintenance checks. #SafeBoatingTips



- 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.

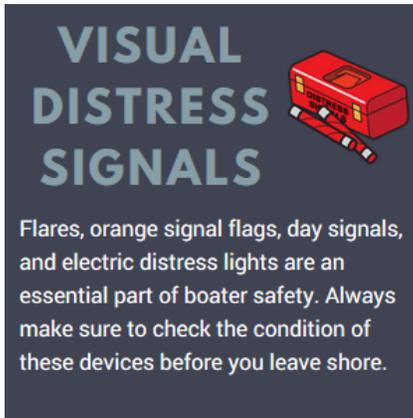


- Be sure to designate an assistant Skipper! Always have more than one person onboard capable of navigating the vessel. #SafeBoatingTips
- Always explain the location and use of all life jackets to passengers that may be new to the boat. #SafeBoatingTips



- 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

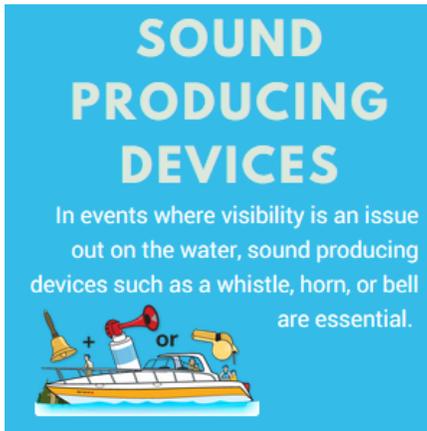


**VISUAL
DISTRESS
SIGNALS**



Flares, orange signal flags, day signals, and electric distress lights are an essential part of boater safety. Always make sure to check the condition of these devices before you leave shore.

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

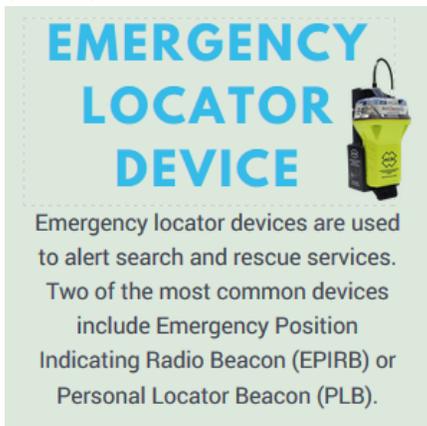


**SOUND
PRODUCING
DEVICES**

In events where visibility is an issue out on the water, sound producing devices such as a whistle, horn, or bell are essential.



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



**EMERGENCY
LOCATOR
DEVICE**



Emergency locator devices are used to alert search and rescue services. Two of the most common devices include Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB).

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