

- Complete a boating education course.
- Get your boat checked.
- Have a boat safety kit.
- Wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages while boating.
- Be aware of weather conditions.
- Have a marine radio on at all times.
- Tell someone where you are going and how long you will be out.
- Know your boat's capacity and how to load it properly.
- Follow proper docking/anchoring procedures.