

Water Safety Begins with You



DOs

Take an approved boating safety course



Wear your lifejacket!



Come prepared; bring drinking water, sunglasses, sunscreen and safety equipment



Use enough fuel for the trip



Learn and follow the boating "rules of the road"



Check the weather, watch for changing water conditions



Always pay attention!



Inspect your marine craft (battery, lines, fuel, navigation kits, GPS, fire extinguisher, charts, etc.)



Inspect your marine craft's communications systems



DON'Ts

DON'T ride on the outside of a marine craft (such as bow riding)



DON'T ride too closely to other marine crafts and larger vessels. Remember, boats don't have brakes!



DON'T tie up to buoys or markers



DON'T litter



DON'T fish within harbors and swimming areas



DON'T operate a marine craft near water-front developments

