

Boating Safety Guide

Choose it. Use it! Always wear a lifejacket or PFD.

BOATING SAFETY CHECKLIST:

1 Canadian approved Lifejacket/ PFD for each person on board.	
Buoyant heaving line 15m long	
Paddles, oars, or manual propelling device	
Bailer or manual water pump	
Water tight flashlight or 3 Canadian approved flares	
Sound Signaling device(e.g. whistle or horn)	
First Aid kit	

The length of your boat determines the quantity and type of safety equipment required.



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The Lifeguarding Experts

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Most people who drown did not plan to be in the water. Instead they were working on or near the water when something unexpected happened.

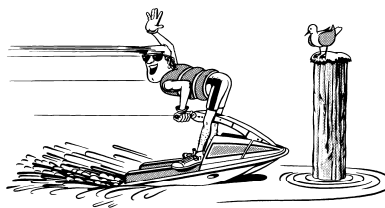
Choose it and use it. Your lifejacket can't help you if you do not wear it.

Trying to put on a lifejacket or PFD in an emergency is like trying to put on your seatbelt during a car crash. Do not just have a lifejacket or PFD in the boat, pick one up and wear it with the buckles done up.

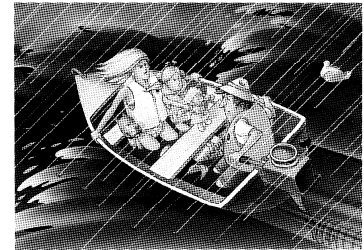
Lifejackets have come a long way. Inflatable types and a wide range of colors and styles make it easier for you to find and wear the one that is right for you.

Always Boat Sober!

- One of the biggest dangers in boating is one that any boater can control—their alcohol consumption.
- 64% of all people who drown while boating were impaired.
- If you are responsible enough not to drink and drive your car.... why would you do it in a boat?



BE WATER SMART.
 RECKLESSNESS SPOILS THE FUN OF IT ALL.



BE WATER SMART.
 WATCH OUT FOR WEATHER CHANGES.

Know before you go!

Always avoid potential danger by knowing:

- What's the weather forecast
- What's the condition of the waterways?
- Are there any hazards?
- Where is it shallow?
- Are there any rapids?
- Are there any maps or charts I can take with me?

Always tell someone where you are going and when you are coming back. Let them know who is with you and what your boat looks like.

Every time you go out on the water, there is a risk that you are in for more adventure than you expected. And the outcome may depend on how prepared you are. Getting trained will make sure you know what to do.

Anyone operating a boat with a motor is required to have a Pleasure Craft Operators card.