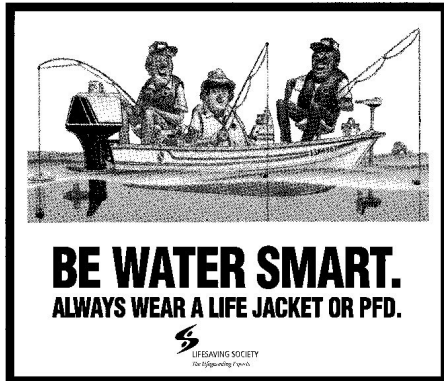


Recreational Food Fishery

Make every trip a round trip



Did you know...

The major risk factors cited in fatal boating incidents were: not wearing a PFD/lifejacket (80%); cold water (44%); capsizing (40%) and falling overboard (25%), often in rough water (22%); alcoholic beverage consumption (39%); and boating alone (30%) versus 70% of boating victims with a companion(s) who were unable to rescue them.

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The Recreational Food Fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador takes place from July 23 to August 14, 2011. During that time boaters and anglers take to the water and the shorelines to catch groundfish. Unfortunately some recreational fishers may not make the round trip.

- Cold water is deadlier than you think. Prepare for the shock of cold water – always wear a lifejacket, even if you are fishing from shore.
- Alcohol and boating do not mix. Leave the alcohol on shore.
- Check the forecast. Return to shore immediately if bad weather approaches.
- Obey all warning signs and buoys around hydroelectric stations and dams; waters can change in a matter of seconds from a scenic calm to a deadly torrent. “Stay Clear, Stay Safe.”
- Drive powerboats responsibly – use appropriate speed especially when the water is choppy.
- Stay seated! You can easily fall out of a small powerboat, canoe, or kayak.
- Be prepared. Ensure your vessel has the required safety gear on board and sufficient fuel.
- Carry a VHF radio or cell phone with you when on the water.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Get trained. Learn how to survive an unexpected fall into the water.