



See if your watercraft is safe for your loved ones

- FREE vessel safety checks are offered by certified inspectors. Owners are not cited for violations during the event. Safety items that you might need may be given to you free of charge.
- Inspections take less than 15 minutes and are conducted while you prepare your vessel for launch.
- Let us inspect your boat or jet ski and receive a discount toward your next visit to the park.
- Water safety demonstrations, wildlife displays, and a swimmer rescue demonstration provide entertainment during your inspection.
- Owners of inspected vessels are eligible for a free gift from our grab bag.

Boating-related deaths and injuries continue to rise

- 80% of boaters who drowned last year were using boats less than 20 feet in length.
- 70% of the reported 2006 fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.
- Two-thirds of all fatal boating accident victims drowned. 90% were not wearing a life jacket *even though one was available on board*.
- Exhaust leaks are the leading cause of carbon monoxide deaths.
- Alcohol is a major factor in approximately 50 to 70 percent of all recreational boating fatalities nationwide.
- A boat operator is likely to become impaired more quickly than a driver, drink for drink.
- The penalties for operating impaired can include large fines, revocation of operator privileges and serious jail terms.

Don't become another boating accident statistic

- Take a boating safety course. Contact any of the agencies listed below for more information.
- Wear your life jacket every time you are on your boat or in the water. Newer, self-inflatable flotation devices and traditional life jackets are more comfortable, affordable and durable than ever.
- Never sit, teak surf, or hang on the back deck or swim platform while boat engines are running.
- Regular maintenance and proper boat operation can reduce the risk of injury from carbon monoxide.
- The safest way to enjoy the water is *without* alcohol. Intoxicated passengers also increase their risk of injury and falls overboard.



Did you know that aquatic hitchhikers can ruin boat engines and jam steering equipment? Remove mud, plants and fish, eliminate water, clean and dry ANYTHING that comes in contact with water (this includes boats, motors, trailers, fishing gear, buckets, pets, boots, clothing, etc.). Learn more at the celebration.

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