

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY

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- Always wear an appropriate U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket
- Always carry a whistle
- Wear eye protection such as goggles or sunglasses
- Wear a wet suit to avoid cold water immersion shock
- Wear booties, deck shoes, or tennis shoes for traction and protection
- And gloves for grip
- Wear a helmet
- Always stay hydrated
- And never take alcohol on the water!

BOAT SAFETY

- Be sure to observe all legal requirements including age limits, boater card and registration
- Always keep the lanyard attached to your left wrist to ensure cut-off switch activation in case you become separated from your watercraft
- Carry all essential safety equipment in working order
- Ventilate the engine and storage compartments before operating
- Check for hull and other damage
- Conduct a complete pre-operation check of the engine, the pump and control mechanisms
- And check that your trailer is registered and in good condition.

WATER SAFETY

- Learn and observe the rules of the road
- Maintain safe speeds to avoid collisions
- Learn how to cast off and return to shore slowly and safely
- Pay attention to navigational aids such as buoys and signs
- Keep a sharp lookout
- Observe safe practices when towing a skier
- Never make dangerous moves
- Learn how to deal with choppy waves, a capsized PWC, a stalled engine, or engine fire
- Know the legal requirements for reporting accidents
- Respect the environment
- File a float plan
- Never take alcohol and drugs on the water.

