

Boat responsibly: wear a life jacket

The Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone to be safe any time you're on the water.

What starts as a perfect day for boating can quickly become hazardous if you end up in the water. Voluntary, consistent life jacket use is the best decision you can make for your safety while enjoying a day out on the water.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, drowning is the top cause of death in most recreational boating fatalities, and the majority of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets. In 2019, 79% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Most people who drown in boating accidents know how to swim but become incapacitated in the water.

Known for its many lakes and waterways, Wisconsin is where boaters and paddlers can get close

to nature and have fun. Make sure safety is part of the plan.

The good news is that today's life jackets are much more comfortable than they used to be. You can find lightweight and stylish options at your local marine supply retailer or even online. New varieties include belt packs and other low-profile jackets, easy to move in, and come in many sizes, styles and shapes for every person and every sport. There are even ones for pets.

Boaters should take a boating safety education course before getting on the water. Learn more about the life jacket best for your sport - boating, paddleboards, canoes and kayaks, here.

Be ready for the unexpected - Always wear your life jacket when out on the water.

Important Reminders

All vessels (including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have at least one USCG-approved wearable life jacket for each person on board.

All vessels 16 feet or more in length must have one USCG-approved throwable personal flotation device on board that is immediately accessible.

Every person on board a personal watercraft must wear a USCG-approved life jacket.

Sailboarders and windsurfers are exempt from the life jacket requirement but are highly encouraged to wear one.

Federal law requires children under the age of 13 to wear a USCG-approved life jacket while underway in an open vessel on federally controlled waters.



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