

Boating Safety Checklist

- When you're preparing for a day on the water, always cover the basics:
- Arm yourself with swimming and boating skills
- Buckle up with a comfortable and properly fitted life jacket.
- Install and maintain a CO detector in accommodation areas.
- Watch the weather to prepare for local conditions and electrical storms.
- Communicate your trip details in case of emergency. Tell your plan to a friend on the mainland: who is on the boat, where you will be, and how long you will be gone.
- Never operate a boat while or after drinking alcohol.
- Remember to keep all boat maintenance chemicals in their original containers.
- Post the Poison Control Center 24-hour hotline 1-800-222-1222.
- List CPR instructions and a local emergency number on the boat.
- Maintain constant supervision of children, regardless of their swimming abilities or use of life jackets.
- Do not swim or wade near a boat's exhaust pipe, sit on the swim platform when the engine is running, or hold onto the deck while the boat is moving. Keep your boat a minimum of 20 feet from the nearest running generator or engine. Never, ever enter the enclosed exhaust vent area under a swim platform! Exhaust from boat engines can be deadly sources of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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