

# Boating Tips

Whether you are the Captain of a schooner or a passenger on a ski boat, following safety guidelines ensures your safety and that of others.



## **Learn to Swim**

Best thing anyone can do to stay safe around water.



## **Be weather Wise**

Sudden wind shifts and choppy water can mean a storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports. Stop boating as soon as you see or hear a storm.



## **Bring Extra Gear**

In a watertight container, place any extra items that you may need. Like a flashlight, batteries, matches, a map, suntan lotion, and a first aid kit.



## **Tell Someone**

Let someone know where you are going, with whom and for how long.



## **Alcohol and Boating Don't Mix**

Over 50 percent of drownings result from boating incidents involving alcohol. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination.



## **Perform Regular Checks**

Before leaving, check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine, life jackets and fuel supply.

Have a safe and Happy Summer! Prepared by Reuter & Reilly Insurance Brokers

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