

Boating Safety

Boating is a part of the Alaskan lifestyle. Residents recreate on the water, but also use boats as an important means of transportation, and to support subsistence harvest. Alaska has one of the highest non-commercial boating fatality rates in the nation. In response to the number of accidents, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation established the Alaska Boating Safety Program. This program encourages all boaters preparing for a trip to; carefully check their boats and equipment; monitor the weather and water conditions; pay close attention to boat stability and load; and most importantly, make sure that EVERYONE on board wears a life jacket. This Boating Education Program promotes safe, enjoyable boating in Alaska.