

CHOOSE

LIFE JACKETS should be worn by everyone when boating. Alaska's cold water kills good swimmers every year. By law, life jackets must be carried for each person, be readily accessible, in good condition, and fit the intended wearer. Persons under 13 **MUST** wear life jackets when in an open boat or on an open deck.

Boat Smart from the Start

and enjoy safe boating for life.

INSPECT the hull, engine, electrical, fuel, steering and ventilation systems.
INVENTORY to make sure you have all legally required equipment, and recommended items such as: survival gear, adequate clothing, first aid kit, tools, spare parts, adequate fuel (1/3 out, 1/3 back, 1/3 spare), a paddle, VHF radio, manual bailing devices, anchors, charts and tide tables.
IDENTIFY local hazards, forecasts and weather conditions.



FILE

FILE A FLOTT PLAN

Let someone know where you are going, who's onboard, when you'll return and who to notify if you are overdue. Include a description of your boat and registration numbers. Leave a copy on the dashboard of your car.



Registration

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EDUCATE

Take boating courses and educate your passengers. Do your passengers know how to start, stop and steer the boat? Do they know how to use emergency equipment? For additional safety information, call the State Office of Boating Safety (907) 269-8706 or visit our website at: www.alaskaboatingsafety.org



Life jacket

Fire extinguisher

Navigation lights

Sound producing devices

Visual distress signals

