



Alaska Office of Boating Safety
2026-2027 Kids Don't Float Poster Contest



Eligibility and Guidelines

1. Open to all Alaska elementary school students (kindergarten through fifth grade).
2. Poster entries should support the *Kids Don't Float* objectives of educating Alaskans about the importance of always wearing a life jacket when boating and the dangers of Alaska's cold water. Entrants are encouraged to use information from the Office of Boating Safety's website and publications or information they learned in a *Kids Don't Float* presentation.
3. Poster submissions become the property of the Alaska Office of Boating Safety.
4. Students may use any materials to construct their poster. Entries must be between 8 ½" x 11" and 16" x 20". Creativity is encouraged!

Contest Rules and Dates

All posters must be turned in to the Alaska Office of Boating Safety by **April 16, 2027**. Winners will be selected no later than April 23, 2027.

Entries should depict safe boating practices and must be original work. Lettering and images should be large and bold enough to reproduce digitally.

A label on the back of each entry must clearly list the student's name, grade level, school name, parent teacher's name, and parent or teacher's contact information. Omission of this information may disqualify an entry. Premade labels are available on our website. If submitting the poster virtually (by taking a high quality photo of it and emailing it to officeofboatingsafety@alaska.gov), please include the above information in your email.

Winning Posters

At least three winners (one K-1st, one 2nd-3rd, and one 4th-5th) will receive a new life jacket in their size. Some poster submissions will be selected to be displayed at various locations around Alaska during the month of May (2027). Submitted posters may be used by the Alaska Office of Boating Safety in presentations and on social media.

Disclaimer

All entries become the exclusive property of the Alaska Office of Boating Safety. Alaska Office of Boating Safety has the right to display or otherwise use the submissions for future reproduction. Suggestion: take pictures of the artwork prior to submission.

Resources

Visit <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/boating/kdf/kdfhome> for Alaska Office of Boating Safety educational resources, including curriculum, presentation and publication material, and educational videos.