



**FOLLOW RESPONSIBLE
BEHAVIOR AND WE'RE ALL
SAFER ON THE WATER.**



**KNOW THE DANGERS OF
MIXING ALCOHOL & DRUGS
ON THE WATER**



**LEARN THE IMPORTANCE
OF REPORTING BOATING
ACCIDENTS**



**CREATING A SAFE BOATING
CULTURE 365 DAYS A YEAR**

The focus of **Boat Live 365**[®] is on key areas of interest, determined by the U.S. Coast Guard, to help lower the rate of boating accidents, incidents and fatalities nationwide. This pamphlet focuses on two of those areas.

BUI IS NO BULL



We all know driving a vehicle under the influence is dangerous. Unfortunately, people think driving a boat, and riding, is easy – there are no lanes you need to stay in or specific speed limits that need to be observed. Add to that the feeling that drinking and boating “go together” makes for a lot of irresponsible behavior. We need to educate people about the reality. And that reality is – boating under the influence can be even more dangerous and deadly.

Many factors compound the affects of alcohol and drug impairment on the water. One of the biggest factors is boater fatigue. Balancing and adjusting on a pitching boat causes muscles to tense and relax in an effort to maintain equilibrium. This constant motion combined with the effects of extended sun exposure leads to physical fatigue which magnifies the effect of alcohol.

Passengers are also affected by these factors and are exposed to the specific dangers that come with boating. For example, an impaired passenger is much more likely to fall out of a moving boat than a car. They are also more likely to make bad decisions like approaching a boat near the prop while swimming.

Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents (23%), where the primary cause was known.*

* U.S. Coast Guard's 2019 Recreational Boating Statistics Report

ONLY YOU CAN REPORT BOATING ACCIDENTS



With car accidents, it's typically the responsibility of law enforcement to file a report. But with boating accidents, that responsibility falls on the operator or owner of each boat involved.

Guidelines for when and how to file can get a little complicated. We recommend keeping blank accident reporting forms on your boat from your state's boating authority. The filing criteria can be found on the forms that will help you fill it out.

Filing an insurance claim is no substitute for filing a boat accident report, and vice versa.



Reporting boating accidents is important because the data helps the U.S. Coast Guard identify boat defects and boater behaviors that cause injuries and take lives. The more accurate and complete the accident report, the better job they can do to help us all
Boat Live 365.

VISIT: bit.ly/accidentForm365

Download the U.S. Coast Guards' accident report form. Print copies to keep on your boat!

The focus of **Boat Live 365** and its key areas of interest are determined by the U.S. Coast Guard. It's important for us all to be aware of and discuss each of them, all year long.



The dangers of drinking alcohol, taking drugs and other irresponsible behavior on the water.



The importance of reporting boating accidents.



The importance of wearing a life jacket and life jacket standards.



The dangers of propeller strikes and emphasizing the use of an emergency engine cut-off device.



The dangers of cold-water immersion and how to lessen the danger.



The benefits of keeping a lookout and navigation rules and aids.



The importance of boater safety training.



The responsibility of boat operators keeping themselves and others safe.



The dangers of being poisoned by carbon monoxide.

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