

# Boating Safety

Be weather-wise! Check weather reports for storms or high winds. Prepare yourself with extra gear (in watertight plastic bag) that you may need:

- flashlight and batteries
- water
- first aid kit
- flares
- map

Tell someone where you are going.

Check your boat for equipment, fuel supply, and balance.

Alcohol and boating don't mix - just the same as driving - do not operate a boat while drinking alcohol.

**ALWAYS** wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets while boating.

Take a basic boating safety certification course that is approved by the Coast Guard.

Make sure your boat has the proper lights, and is in compliance with state and Federal regulations.

