

SAANICH PENINSULA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

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BASIC BOATING

PILOTING

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK MAY 17 - 23

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The Saanich Peninsula Squadron offers the following boating safety tips and basic precautions:

- Have your pleasure boat given a free safety "Courtesy Check" by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit.
- Everyone onboard (including the family pet) should wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) that fits properly.
- Always check the weather forecast BEFORE heading out. An unprepared boater can be quickly caught off guard by shifting tides, strong unexpected currents, and sudden changes in the direction of wind and sea.
- If someone falls overboard, do not jump in after him or her. Quickly maneuver your boat to return and recover the person from the water.
- If a storm or heavy fog approaches, reduce speed and head to shore or to a sheltered safe anchorage.
- Do not stand up in a small boat.
- Stay well clear of ferries and other large commercial vessels.
 - Avoid alcohol.
 - Don't overload your vessel with too many passengers.
 - If your boat capsizes, stay with the boat and hang on.
 - To avoid hypothermia adopt a H.E.L.P "Heat Escape Lessening Position" by crossing the arms tightly against the chest and drawing the knees up to the chest. A group of people should huddle.
 - Stay calm.



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