



Personal Water Craft

SafeTips from the Naval Safety Center

Quick and easy summaries to find out about something new you're doing or as a refresher for something you haven't done in a while. They're a great training tool to pass around at meetings, through e-mail, or post on bulletin boards.

- ◎ Learn to swim. Even more than with boats and canoes, you will definitely be getting wet while riding one of these nautical vehicles
- ◎ Check the local laws. More and more states have rules about how and where you can ride, requirements for registration and licenses, safety equipment, training, and age.
- ◎ Be courteous, and use common sense. Pay attention to no-wake zones and speed limits. Understand traffic patterns.
- ◎ Be very careful around people who are swimming and surfing.
- ◎ Go slow near other boats, shore, piers, and docks.
- ◎ Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, and if you have a passenger, make sure they do, too.
- ◎ Use the buddy system, which can be invaluable in an emergency, and especially if you get hurt or are far from shore.
- ◎ Don't drink alcohol before or during your session on the water.

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