

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ADVICE

As the operator and/or owner of a vessel you are responsible not only for the prudent and safe operation of your boat, but also for the lives and safety of your passengers and others around you.

REFUSE:	The Refuse Act of 1899 prohibits the throwing, discharging or depositing of any refuse matter of any kind (including trash, garbage, oil and other liquid pollutants) into the waters.
PROPULSION:	All boats less than 16 feet in length should carry a second method of propulsion, such as a paddle or oars.
FIRST AID:	Carry adhesive bandages, gauze, adhesive tape, antiseptic, aspirin, etc.
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	Calculate the number of people your boat can carry safely using the following formula: $\text{People} = \frac{\text{Boat length} \times \text{width}}{16}$ Use an average weight of 150 lbs per person. Don't overload your boat!
STANDING:	Standing in a small boat raises the center of gravity, often to the point that the boat capsizes. Standing to land a fish, changing position in the boat, or relieving yourself over the side is not worth the risk.
SEATING:	Sitting on the gunnels, seat backs or in raised pedestal seats while underway is dangerous. A wave or sudden turn may cause the person to fall overboard and may cause capsizing because of the raised center of gravity.
ANCHORING:	Anchoring a small boat by the stern has caused many capsizings and sinkings. In a current, the stern can be pulled under by the force of the water, and the boat is vulnerable to swamping by wave action. The added weight of a motor, fuel tank, or other gear in the stern increases the problem.
	All boats should be equipped with an adequate anchor and anchor line of suitable size and length for the boat and the waters in which the boat is being operated.