

Special Feature

Safe Boating

14 Steps to Safe & Enjoyable Boating



1 Check condition of boat and equipment, hull, engine, fuel, tools, torch.



2 Check the weather forecast for the area.



3 Check locally concerning dangerous currents & strong tides.



4 Do not drink alcohol while setting out or during your trip.



5 Carry on alternative means of propulsion e.g. sails and oars or motor and oars.



6 Carry a first aid kit on board and distress signals (at least two parachute distress rockets and two red hand flares).



7 Carry a fire extinguisher and hand bailer or bucket with lanyard and an anchor with rope attached.



8 Carry marine radio or some means of communication with shore.



9 Do not overload the boat - this will make it unstable.



10 Do not set out unless accompanied by an experienced person.



11 Leave details of your planned trip with someone ashore - including departure and arrival times, description of boat, names of persons on board.



12 Wear a Personal Flotation Device at all times.



13 Keep an eye on the weather - seek shelter in good time.



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MARINE EMERGENCIES

Call 999 or 112 and ask for Marine Rescue

999 OR 112



REMEMBER THESE RULES - ENJOY YOURSELF - COME HOME SAFELY



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