



MCIWEST-MCB CAMP PENDLETON



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Boating Safety



Nothing beats boating as a way to relax, have fun, enjoy the water, and bring friends and family together. That's why it's so tragic when a recreational boating outing — hunting, angling, paddling, or just cruising — ends with an accident (Coast Guard, 2014).

There are more than 700 deaths per year that happen on the water. Waterways are second only to highways as the scene of accidental deaths. Most of the accidents can be prevented. People involved make the mistake of assuming that their experience or equipment is enough to keep them safe. As a boat owner or operator, you are responsible for your safety, the safety of your passengers, and other boaters (Coast Guard, 2014).

Marine Corps Community Services Camp Pendleton offers novice to advance level boating courses that covers the fundamentals of sailing and watercraft safety requirements. For more information call (760)725-SAIL(7245) or visit <http://www.mccscp.com/marina>.



Boating Safety Tips

- Always wear your life jacket.
- Never boat under the influence.
- Take a boating safety course.
- Get a vessel safety check.
- Remember that carbon monoxide (CO) can harm you.
- Know where and how CO may accumulate in and around your boat.
- If you can smell engine exhaust, you are inhaling CO.
- Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat at all times, even when the air conditioning is on.



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- Know where your engine and generator exhaust outlets are located and keep everyone away from these areas.
- Stay off the back deck and the swim platform while the engines are running.
- Never enter areas under swim platforms, where exhaust outlets are located, unless the area has been properly ventilated.
- Although CO can be present without the smell of exhaust fumes, if exhaust fumes are detected on the boat, take immediate action to ventilate these fumes.
- Treat symptoms of seasickness as possible CO poisoning, unless you're sure it's not CO.
- Install and maintain marine grade approved CO detectors.
- Changing course and speed to place boat heading into the wind can improve ventilation.

Upcoming Training

Quarterly Motorcycle Safety Meeting: Sept 11 at 1400
 Ground Safety for Marines (GSM) Course: 15-26 September
 Fall Safety Stand Down-Street Smart: Wed 29 Oct
 Next Safety Quarterly Committee: Dec 15 0900-1000
 Ground Safety for Marines (GSM) Course: 1-12 December 2014
 (Please note upcoming GSM prerequisites are:
 SNCO or above and Range Safety Officer (RSO) Course completed through MarineNet)

Picture of the Week



For Marine Corps specific information please review:

MCO 5100.30B Off Duty Recreation Order
 MCO 5100.19F Marine Corps Traffic safety Program
 BO 5100.2L MCB Camp Pendleton Base Regulation

For more information contact the Installation Traffic Safety Manager at (760)763-5410.



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<https://www.facebook.com/Cpenbasesafety>

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[Click on these links for more tips.](#)

<http://safetycenter.navy.mil/>

<http://rockrivertimes.com/2014/07/30/boating-and-canoeing-safety-tips-from-the-coast-guard/>

<http://www.uscgboating.org/>

<http://www.mccscp.com/marina/>

USCG Data



Every 2-1/2 Hours

Someone is Injured or killed in a Boating Accident¹

**Chance of Drowning
In a Boating Accident**

While Wearing a Life Jacket

1 in 66

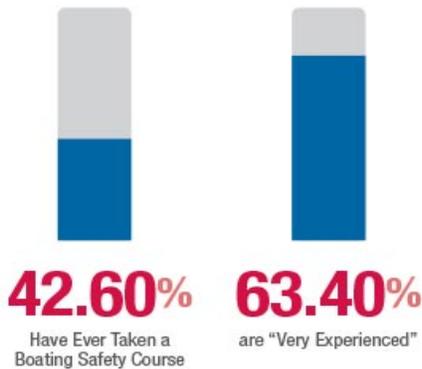


With No Life Jacket

1 in 11²

U.S. Boat Owners

Who Say They³...



Boating Accidents

Attributable to Operator Error, Poor Judgement, or Inexperience



Boaters Who Consider Themselves "Very Experienced"



¹ U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary/Boating Statistics 2012, based on 754 fatalities and 3081 injuries.
² U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary/Boating Statistics 2012, based on 79% percent of 758 boating accident victims drowning, and of those, 94% percent were not reported as wearing a life jacket, compared to 4588 total accidents.
³ U.S. Coast Guard 2011 Auxiliary/Auxiliary/Boating Survey

⁴ U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary/Boating Statistics 2012, based on accidents attributable to operation of vessel (alcohol use, drug use, excessive speed, failure to wear life, improper lookout), operator inexperience, operator inexperience, color of the vessel, improper lookout, improper loading of passengers or gear, improper anchoring, improper loading/weight distribution, crew loading, people on gunwale, bow or transom.
⁵ U.S. Coast Guard 2011 Auxiliary/Auxiliary/Boating Survey

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