



The following is a public service announcement for Safe Boating Week: **Wednesday**

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**...Life Jackets...**

The following is a safe boating message from the National Safe Boating Council and the National Weather Service.

Before you and your family get out on the water this year, grab a life jacket and “wear it!” Nearly 90 percent of those who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket.

Life jacket wear is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board for every passenger on their vessel.

Modern life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. They are comfortable, lightweight, and perfect for any boating activity or sport. Inflatable life jackets are emerging as a safe, popular alternative to the “traditional” life jacket. This type of life jacket can be inflated only when you need them, and until then remain compact, lightweight and the least bulky of all life jackets.

No matter what the activity or life jacket style chosen, the most important thing is this: remember to grab a life jacket and “wear it!”

To learn more on boating and water safety, visit the Northeast Wisconsin Safe Boating Website at **[www.weather.gov/grb/?n=boating](http://www.weather.gov/grb/?n=boating)**

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