



OFFICE OF **BOATING SAFETY**  
BUREAU DE LA **SÉCURITÉ NAUTIQUE**

## GET ON BOARD *the boat!*

**C** old water  
**P** ut on a floating device  
**G** ood training

### **B** efore leaving

**B** e vigilant and courteous  
**W** hat to bring  
**A** pleasure craft licence  
**E** nvironment  
**Z** ero alcohol

**Before leaving, make sure your craft is ready as well as you and your guests.**

In order to fully enjoy your day out on the water, it is best to take a few minutes to ensure that you are ready to navigate safely.

**Before leaving the dock, check these items to ensure your safety as well as the safety of your loved ones:**

- weather forecasts;
- water body characteristics (local hazards, boat operation restrictions);
- tides, currents;
- your craft is in good working condition;
- you have all the required safety equipment on board your craft, it is in good working order and you know how to use it;
- the load of your craft is well distributed;
- your fuel reserve (generally one third of fuel must be used for the outward journey, one third for the return and one third in reserve).



**Whether you are going for a few hours or several days, it is strongly advised that you prepare a route plan...it could save your life. The route plan should contain information about:**

- *the itinerary you plan to take during your trip;*
- *the time of your return;*
- *details about your craft and the people accompanying you.*

- [www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety](http://www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety)

**Do you have the following items on board your craft?**

- approved flotation apparel that is the right size for everyone;
- nautical charts;
- your proof of competency and a copy of your pleasure craft licence;
- a way of communicating an emergency. Do you know what to do in an emergency? Do your guests know?;
- replacement clothing (in a waterproof bag), drinking water and snacks.

