



GET ON BOARD *the boat!*

C old water	<p><i>It's your responsibility to respect and share the waterways... Look out for wildlife, swimmers, divers and other pleasure craft.</i></p> <p>As a pleasure craft operator, you must respect other people on the water, in the water and near your craft.</p>
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	

Always be vigilant and navigate at a safe speed. Collision Regulations specify that it is incumbent upon the operator to adopt a “safe speed” (a speed where the craft can stop at an appropriate distance to the circumstances and conditions). To determine the safe speed for your craft, consider all of the following factors:

- ✓ visibility conditions (fog, haze, rain, darkness, etc.);
- ✓ wind, water and current conditions;
- ✓ the ability to maneuver your craft;
- ✓ traffic density, type of craft in the area and their proximity;
- ✓ risky navigation conditions (navigation obstacles, rocks, etc.).

Always remember that the wake created by your craft might be the cause of damage to property (other craft, docks, wharves, structures, shorelines, etc.) or other people. You could be held liable for any damage or injury caused by it. Be considerate of others:

- ✓ in a narrow channel, don't obstruct the route of other craft that can only safely navigate in this channel;
- ✓ know waterway rules and priorities.

Any hazardous operation of a craft is punishable by imprisonment or a fine under the *Criminal Code*. Here are other examples of offences that are subject to the *Criminal Code*:

- Operating a craft while impaired;
- Failure to supervise a person being towed (water-skiing, wake);
- Towing a person at night;
- Fleeing the scene of an accident.



- www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety

The *Safe Boating Guide* was developed to promote safe and responsible boating practices for boaters in Canada. It provides an overview of boating safety rules and regulations. In the event of any discrepancy between this information and the regulations, the regulations prevail.