

Public Service Announcement

Be safe when boating this summer

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Summer is a busy time of year for boating and fishing activities. Nunavummiut are reminded to follow these safe boating tips when heading out on the water:

- Be alert and pay attention to your surroundings including existing ice conditions conditions can change quickly, be ready for it.
- Inspect your boat make sure equipment is in good working order before leaving.
- Monitor the weather check marine weather reports for the area to which you are travelling.
- Make a sail plan leave trip details with someone, including the estimated date or time of return and the names of passengers on board.
- Bring extra supplies bring enough fuel and extra food and water for each person on board in case of a weather delay.
- Wear life-jackets carry Canadian-approved life-jackets or PFDs for all passengers on board. These should be worn at all times, especially in smaller boats.
- Carry safety equipment carry all equipment required by Transport Canada, including:
 - life buoys and heaving line
 - watertight flashlights
 - bailers or bilge pumps
 - distress flares and sound-signalling device (horn)
 - fire extinguisher
 - radio and marine emergency locator beacon. Borrow a SPOT device or radio from your local RCMP, local hamlet office or HTA office.

Being prepared can save your life. Practice safe boating when out on the water this summer.

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