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Be Safe and Have a Good Time

Labor Day Weekend, the official close of summer! No one likes summer activities to end.

Labor Day Weekend Boating Safety Tips.

There will be lots of food, lots of fun and unfortunately lots of accidents. The odds are the more boaters on the water the more accidents there will be. No matter how you look at it, a boat is potentially a deadly weapon and you need to keep control over it.

Boat owners, it is your responsibility to make sure your boat is properly maintained, has all the required safety equipment and that you and your buddies leave the booze at home. Maintain the proper weight capacity for your size boat, do not overload it. Act in a responsible manner at all times. You, the boat owner, need to let your boat-mates know what is and what not acceptable behavior is.

Labor Day Weekend Boating Safety Tip #1

Don't Drink and Drive - Drinking and driving is against the law, even when it comes to boating. Leave the booze at home. The same goes for drugs obviously. The effects of drugs and alcohol are increased when you are in the hot sun for an extended period of time.

Labor Day Weekend Boating Safety Tip #2

Fuel - Make sure you have enough gas on board to get you where you want to go and back again. There are no gas stations in the middle of the lake. You can't just call AAA for a quick 5 gallon can of gas! Plan ahead.

Labor Day Weekend Boating Safety Tip #3

Safety Equipment - Make sure you have enough life jackets on board for each person. Take your cell phone with you. If you have a radio on board make sure it works. You need to be able to communicate in case of an emergency. Other emergency supplies would include flares, maps and a first aid kit.

Labor Day Weekend Boating Safety Tip #4

Weather - Keep an eye to the sky and if bad weather threatens head for safety. A storm can come up out of no where and you need to be prepared and remain calm. Check your radio and be on the lookout for storm clouds.

Boating is a lot of fun, but it is also a lot of responsibility. Use your head and follow these simple Labor Day Weekend Boating Safety Tips and you will have an enjoyable end of summer weekend!

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