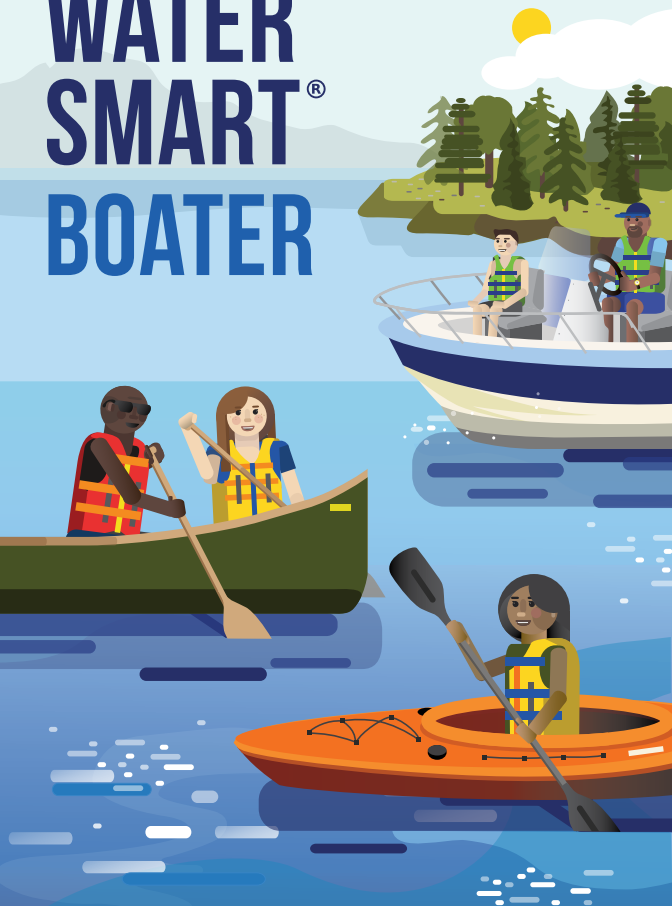




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Water Smart® Boaters:

- **Boat sober.** Alcohol consumption is a factor in almost 35% of boating-related fatalities.
- **Always wear a lifejacket or PFD.** Lifejackets don't work if you don't wear them.
- **Get trained in boat safety.** Take a BOAT™ course to get your Pleasure Craft Operator Card.
- **Drive in control at moderate speeds.** Drive with caution and use proper lights after dark.
- **Know before you go.** Check the weather forecast. Learn about local hazards (i.e. shallow areas, rapids).
- **Have a boat safety kit.** This should include: first aid kit, bailer, paddles, whistle or horn, flashlight and a throw rope.
- **Watch out for swimmers and other boaters.** Always have a spotter when towing water-skiers and tube riders.
- **Don't boat alone.** Boating alone was a major risk factor in 31% of boating-related fatalities.
- **Stay seated.** You can easily fall out of a small powerboat, canoe or kayak.

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Complete the survey for a chance to win a free lifejacket! The Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch gratefully acknowledges funding support from the Government of Alberta.



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