

Tips for Avoiding a Dangerous Boating Accident This Summer

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As [Baltimore accident attorneys](#), we are concerned that there have already been several serious boating accidents in advance of the busy summer season. In addition, the risk for injury will only increase as waterways become more crowded.

In 2009, the Coast Guard recorded 4,730 recreational boating accidents that involved 736 deaths. Even more alarming, a study by the National Safe Boating Council also found that Maryland ranks third in the country when it comes to boating accidents.

With this in mind, it is important to practice safe boating and wear a life jacket every time you go out of the water. Below are a few simple tips from the NSBC:

- No matter what activity you have planned – boating, fishing sailing, etc. – always remember to wear a life jacket every time you are on the water. Accidents on the water can happen much too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. Drowning is the cause of death in approximately three-fourths of boating fatalities and approximately 84 percent of those who drown are not wearing life jackets.
- Make sure your life jacket is U.S. Coast Guard-approved. Double check that your life jacket is appropriate for your favorite boating activities.
- Take the time to ensure a proper fit.
- Life jackets meant for adults do not work for children. If you are boating with children, make sure they are wearing properly fitted, child-sized life jackets.
- On recreational vessels underway, children under 13 years old must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.

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