



## Water Safety Tips

### Boating – Key Safety Tips

- Everyone on board a boat must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
- Never go boating alone.
- Always let someone know where you are going and what time you will return.
- Make sure your boat has emergency equipment (first aid kit, radio, flares etc.).
- Know the limitations of the boat and do not overload it.
- Follow the boat traffic rules.
- Check weather conditions, and continue to monitor weather reports.
- Wear and take appropriate clothes, to allow for possible changes in the weather.
- Keep the boat away from swimming areas, weirs, rocks and other craft.
- Stow all gear safely.
- Do not mix boating and drinking alcohol.
- When entering or leaving a small boat, keep your weight low and centred.
- Keep a lookout for the warning signs of bad weather, such as clouds building up, wind speed increasing, waves becoming bigger.
- Learn and practise capsize and person overboard drills.