



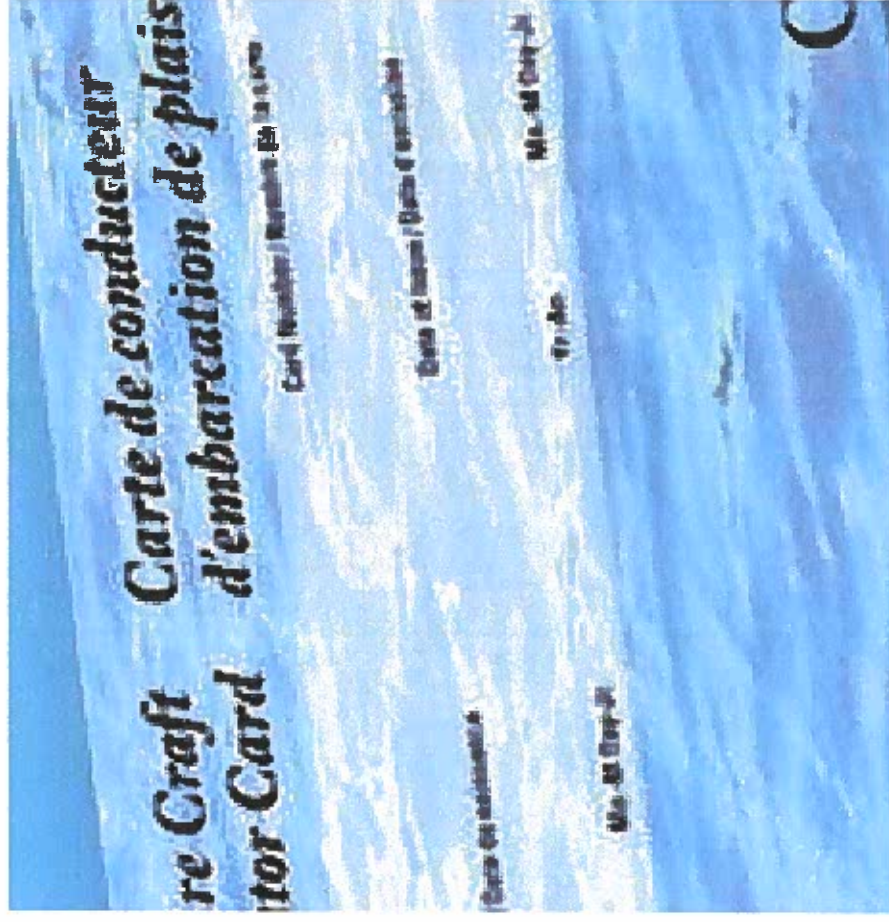
ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

MARINE SAFETY

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Proof of Competency

- Pleasure Craft Operator's Card
- It is good for life
- There are other acceptable forms of proof of competency



Age Requirements

AGE	HORSEPOWER RESTRICTIONS
Under 12 years of age with no direct supervision*	May operate a boat with up to 10 hp (7.5kW)
Ages 12 to under 16 with no direct supervision	May operate a boat with up to 40 hp (30kW)
Under 16 years of age, regardless of supervision	May not operate a PWC
16 years of age or older	No horsepower restrictions

Wear a Lifejacket or Personal Floatation Device (PFD)

- About 90% of people who drown in recreational boating incidents are not wearing a lifejacket or PFD.

A life jacket can only save your life

IF YOU ARE WEARING IT.



How Not to Operate a PWC

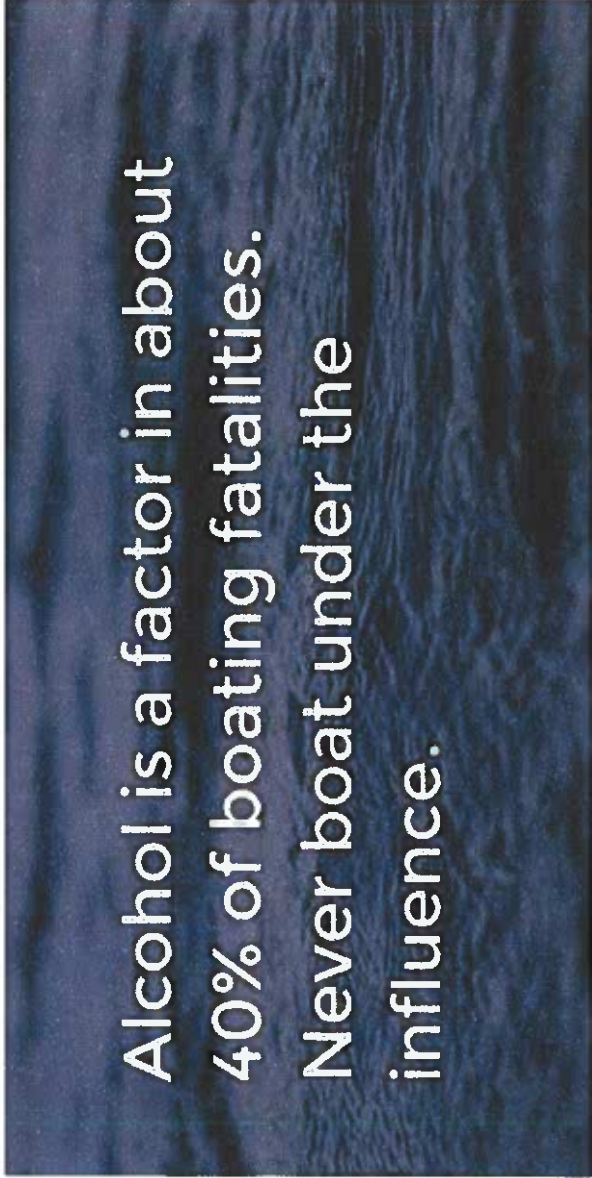


OPP Patrol the Waterways

When signalled by a Police or other enforcement vessel to stop, do so in a safe manner and wait for instructions from the officers conducting the inspections.



Think Before You Drink



Alcohol is a factor in about
40% of boating fatalities.
Never boat under the
influence.

Sail and Power Boats up to 6m (19'8")

1. Lifejacket or PFD for each person on board
2. Reboarding device
3. Buoyant heaving line at least 15 m (49'3") long
4. Manual propelling device or an anchor and at least 15 m (49'3") of cable, rope or chain in any combination

5. A bailer or manual bilge pump
 6. Sound-signalling device or appliance
 7. Navigation lights
 8. Magnetic compass
 9. Radar reflector
 10. One 5BC fire extinguisher if the vessel is equipped with an inboard motor and/or fixed fuel tank and
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11. A second 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with a fuel-burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance

Portable Fuel Tank



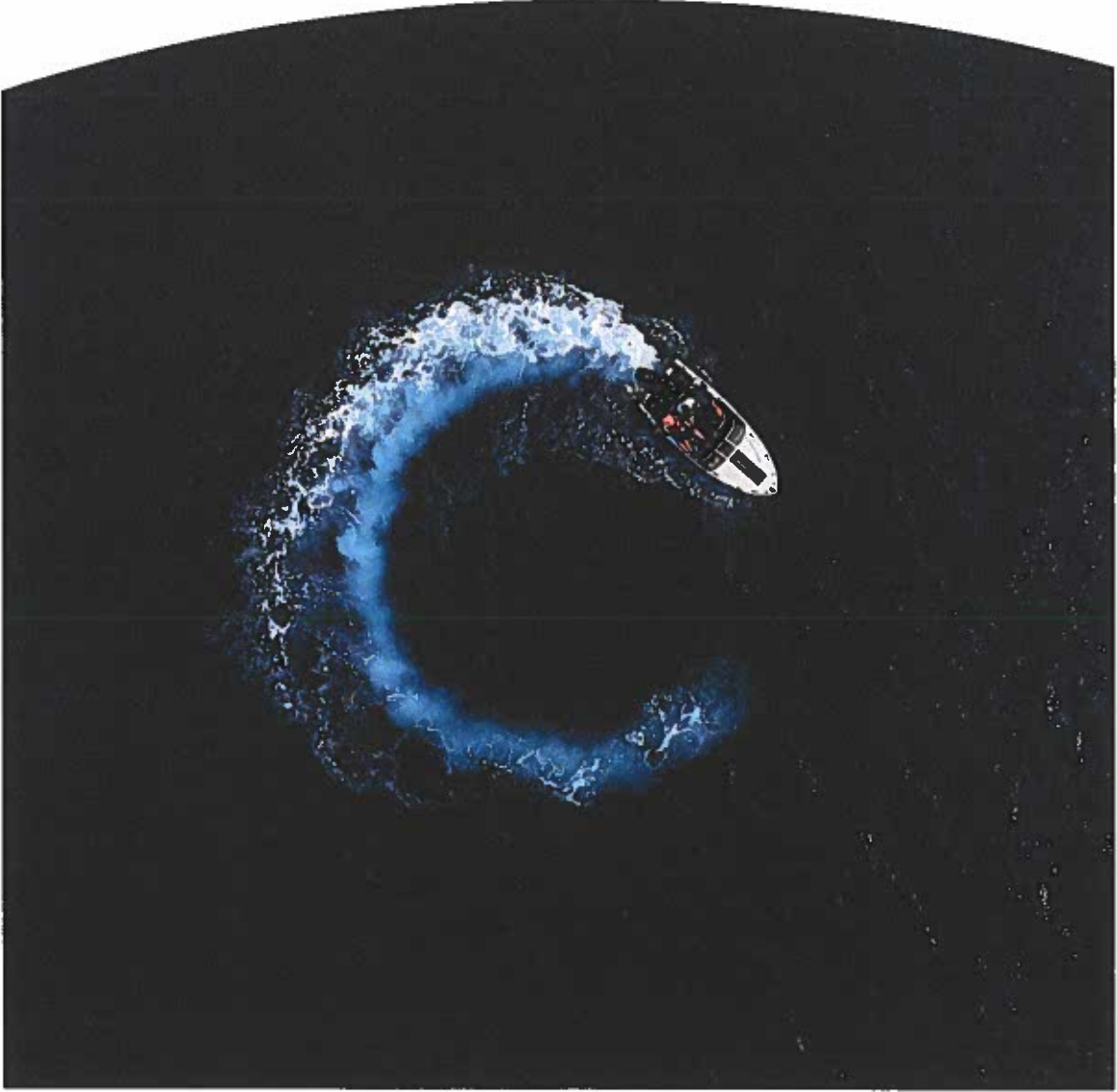
Fixed Fuel Tank





If the boat is equipped with a motor, you also need:

- a watertight flashlight or three flares of type A, B or C



Personal Watercraft (PWC)

IF everyone on board is wearing a PFD, the only extra equipment you need is:

1. a sound-signalling device
2. a watertight flashlight or three pyrotechnic distress signals other than smoke signals

3. a magnetic compass if the personal watercraft is navigated out of sight of navigation marks and
4. navigation lights if the personal watercraft is used after sunset or before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility

If everyone is NOT wearing a PFD on your PWC, you need the following equipment with you:

1. PFD for each person on board
2. Reboarding device
3. Buoyant heaving line
4. Watertight flashlight OR Three (3) flares of type A, B or C

5. Manual propelling device or anchor and at least 15 m (49'3") of cable, rope or chain in any combination
6. Bailer or manual bilge pump
7. Sound-signalling device or appliance
8. Navigation lights
9. Magnetic compass
10. Radar reflector
11. A minimum of class 5BC fire extinguisher



Summary

- Always wear your PFD or Lifejacket, and ensure everyone on your vessel does too
- Inspect your vessel and safety equipment to ensure they are in good working order
- Know your abilities and limitations and operate within them

It doesn't work unless you Wear It!
ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET





- Check marine forecasts before venturing out and monitor changing environmental conditions
- Have a navigational plan and share it with someone
- Pay attention to what you are doing and to what is going on around you.
- Always operate your vessel in a safe manner