

# "On Board" - Boating Safety Tips

by Gerry Hussin

Recreational boating safety partners are using a consistent campaign message to increase awareness about the importance of always wearing life jackets while on the water. The "Wear it" logo has been updated to reflect a comfortable and lightweight life jacket.

According to the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission's report to the President in 1962, "Water is a focal point of outdoor recreation. Most people seeking outdoor recreation want water — to sit by, to swim and to fish in, to ski across, to dive under, and to run their boats over." This statement is as true today as it was in 1962, with even more people participating in water-based recreation.

Wisconsin has over 15,000 inland lakes, 43,000 miles of rivers, and 650 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. With all the available surface water in the state, it is not surprising that recreational boating is a major part of Wisconsin outdoor recreational activities, as well as a significant part of the state's economy and tourism industry.

SSYC will be offering a Wisconsin DNR approved Safe Boating Class during the middle of June. The class runs from 9 AM until 11:30 AM for 4 days and the 5th day is "On The Water Training". The class size will be limited to a maximum number

of 15 students and is open to all ages from 11 on up. .

Wisconsin boating safety certification or out of state equivalent certification is required for operators born on or after January 1, 1989 and at least 16 years of age. Operators 12 to 15 years of age must either have a certificate or have an adult on board while operating. Anyone is eligible to take the class and receive a safety education completion certificate. For children under 12 years of age, the certificate does not become valid until the

child reaches 12 years of age. (read the boating regulations for full details)

REMEMBER TAKE A SAFE BOATING CLASS - "WEAR IT" 



## Don't forget the USCG Auxiliary Vessel Exam

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9 AM to 1 PM

Sign up at the SSYC

South Patio Area

*This is a good opportunity to make sure your vessel has all the necessary safety equipment to meet the Coast Guard requirements and receive your "Safety Decal" for 2009.*

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Saturday, June 6, 2009

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3:30 PM - Participating yachts  
gather near the Coast guard  
Station

4 PM Review begins

5 PM - Special Activities:  
Junior Boathouse Open  
House, Recognition of our  
newest Golden Life Members,  
Naming of the Employee of  
the Year for 2008 and  
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