

Anchor Handling Safety Infographic

BOATING SAFETY LAWS



Law

- All vessels must be equipped with a PFD for each person on board/towed.
- Children under 6 years of age must wear a USCG approved Type I or II PFD when riding on the open deck of any vessel while underway.
- One throwable device must be on board and be readily accessible.
- Each person on a PWC or being towed must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, or III PFD. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed on PWCs or while in tow.

Recommended – All persons should wear a PFD in good condition.



Law

- Every person in tow must wear a PFD.
- Every vessel towing a person must have a person on board, in addition to the vessel operator, observing the towed person(s) at all times.
- It is only legal to tow persons one hour before sunrise through one hour after sunset, or between 8 a.m. and sunset if towed behind a PWC.
- Boat and person being towed must be kept at least 100 ft. away from shore, a vessel, dock or marked swimming area or person in the water.



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- If underway between sunset and sunrise, or during reduced visibility, vessels must be equipped with and exhibit navigation lights.
- PWC's shall not be operated from sunset to 8 a.m.
- Most vessels, including PWCs, are required to have a Type B fire extinguisher on board in an accessible area
- Sound-producing devices and Visual Distress Signals are required in case of emergency.

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