

BOATING SAFETY

How much do you know about safe boating?



Pre-Departure Checklist

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- What items are important for you to bring with you?
- What items should you check before departing?
- This presentation will give you important information for safe boating



Life Jackets – You must have 1 life jacket for every person on board



Life Ring – Required if the boat is longer than 16 feet

KNOW WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED

-  Flares – For night-time signaling
-  **Smoke Signals** Smoke signals – For day-time signaling
-  Mirrors – Use as a reflective
-  Whistle – For noise attention

How to get attention



- Air horn – This should be heard at least a ½ mile away



- Fire Extinguishers – These are required because not all fires can be put out with water



- Emergency Locator Beacon – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) and a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) are automatic emergency locators registered to the vessel

Safety, Safety, Safety

-  Flashlight
-  Batteries
-  First Aid Kit
-  VHF Radio

Other Safety Equipment



- Always have a supply of fresh water



- Carry a basic toolbox



- Check your fuel, oil and coolant levels



- Have charts (maps) for the area you

will be navigating



- Leave a float plan

Things to Remember



- Always check the weather before departing



- Always check navigational lights
- Check bilge pumps



- Avoid alcohol



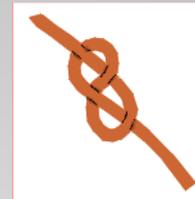
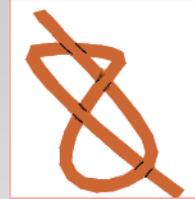
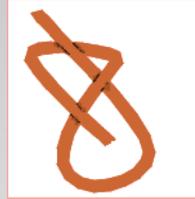
- Learn the Rules of the Road



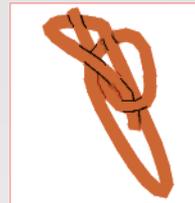
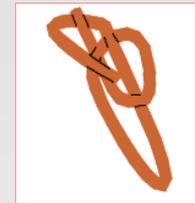
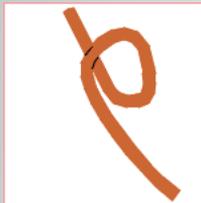
Important to Remember

**LETS GET ALL
KNOTTED UP**

- **Figure 8 Knot** – Is a stopper knot. It keeps the line from slipping out of things, such as a pulley



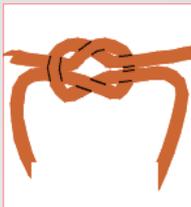
- **Bowline Knot** - Used to form a temporary loop in a line



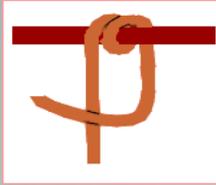
- **Cleat Hitch** - For attaching a line to a cleat on the dock or on the boat



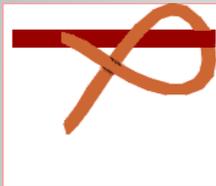
- **Square Knot** - For tying two lines together or tying something down



- **Round Turn & Two Half Hitches** -To permanently and securely tie a line to something, such as a piling



- **Clove Hitch** - To temporarily tie a line to something. Be careful it can come loose



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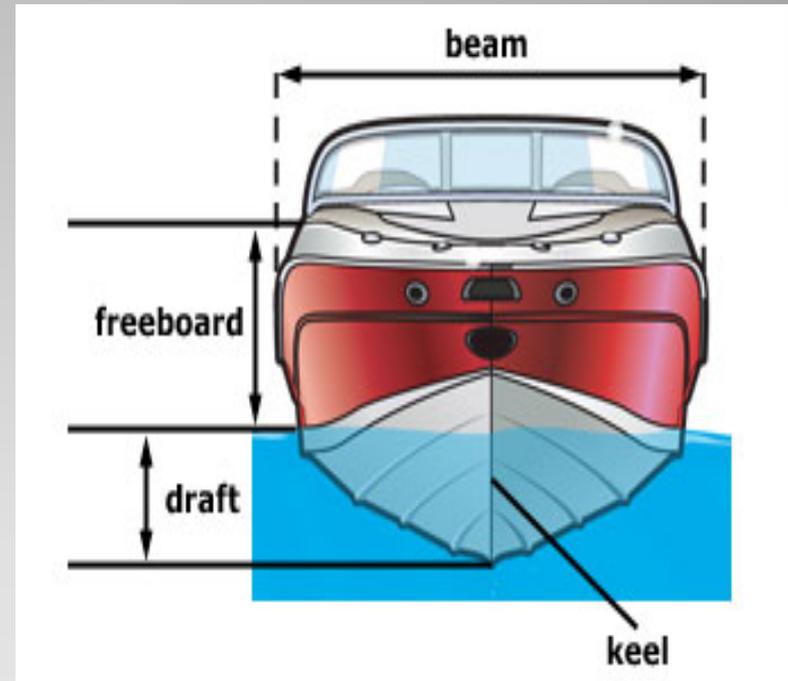
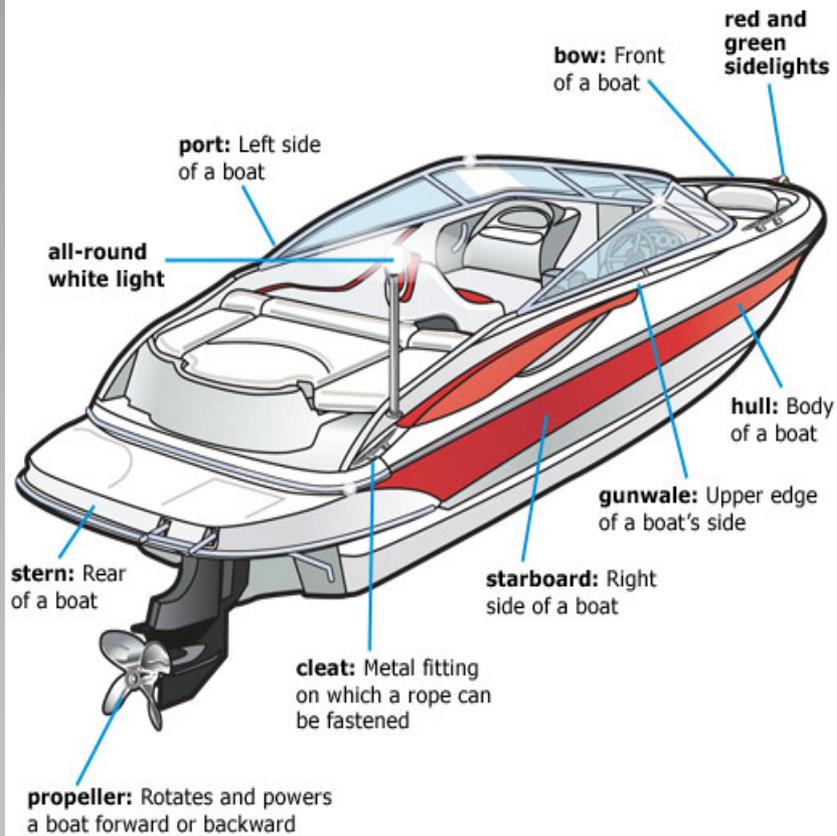
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Lets Talk Boat Talk

- **Bow** – Front of Vessel
- **Stern** - Rear of a vessel
- **Starboard** - Right side of a vessel
- **Port** - Left side of a vessel
- **Hull** - Body of a vessel
- **Gunwale** - Upper edge of vessel's side (generally pronounced "gunnel")
- **Cleat** - Metal fitting on which a rope can be fastened
- **Propeller** - Rotates and powers a boat forward or backward

- **Beam** - Maximum width of a vessel
- **Freeboard** - Distance from water to lowest point of the boat where water could come on board
- **Draft** - Depth of water needed to float a vessel
- **Keel** - Main centerline (backbone) of a vessel or the extension of hull that increases stability in the water

**MOST IMPORTANT RULE
TO REMEMBER IS TO
HAVE FUN WHILE
BOATING SAFELY**