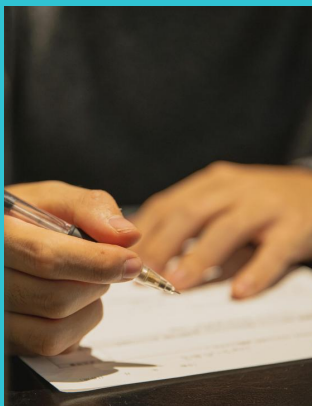




BOATING SAFETY



Fill out a Float Plan

Leave your float plan with at least one person on land.

You can download a [float plan](#) from the SCDNR website.



Check the forecast

Continue to check the weather while on the water. Pay attention to wind, sky color, sudden drops in temperature, or other changes that may indicate stormy weather.



Wear It

Everyone on board needs a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

The jacket should fit snugly - not too tight.



Know Navigation Aids

Follow buoys and navigation aids.

[Navigation rules](#) are the driving rules on the water.



Sail Sober

Do not use alcohol or drugs while operating a boat.

Boating under the influence is dangerous and illegal.



Stay Fire Safe

Keep a U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher on board in case of electrical fires.

Create and practice a fire escape plan. Install a CO alarm on boats where people may sleep.

