ON THE ROAD OR THE WATER, YOU’REヘADED NOWHERE FAST
WHILE IMPAIRED.

 OPERATION DRY WATER
is a nationwide outreach and enforcement campaign with the goal of raising awareness of the dangers of
BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (BUI) and providing heightened enforcement of boating under the influence laws through the efforts of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHILE BOATING.
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TAKE A BOATING SAFETY COURSE.
In accidents where the operator’s instruction was known, 70% of fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received any boating safety instruction.

GET A FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK EVERY YEAR.
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BOAT RESPONSIBLY
Never boat under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in recreational boating fatalities.

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Law enforcement agencies are participating in Operation Dry Water, an intensified effort of detection and deterrence aimed at boaters who are operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (BUI)** is not only illegal, it is dangerous. If you boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol you are endangering your life and the lives of others.

**Facts About BUI**

- Alcohol can impair a boater’s judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. It can increase fatigue and susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion.
- Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion — “stressors” common to the boating environment— intensify the effects of alcohol, drugs, and some medications.
- Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boating deaths.
- Alcohol use is dangerous for passengers, too. Intoxication can cause slips, falls over board and other dangerous accidents.

**BUI Enforcement**

- Operating a recreational vessel with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 or higher is against state and federal laws.
- The U.S. Coast Guard standard for determining if a boat operator is intoxicated is when the effect of an intoxicant (alcohol or drugs) on the person’s manner, disposition, speech, muscular movement, general appearance or behavior is apparent by observation and/or through the administration of a chemical test.
- If you boat under the influence your voyage may be terminated, the boat may be impounded and the operator may be arrested.
- Penalties vary by state but can include fines, jail and loss of boating or even driving privileges.

**Boating Under the Influence Is Against the Law.**