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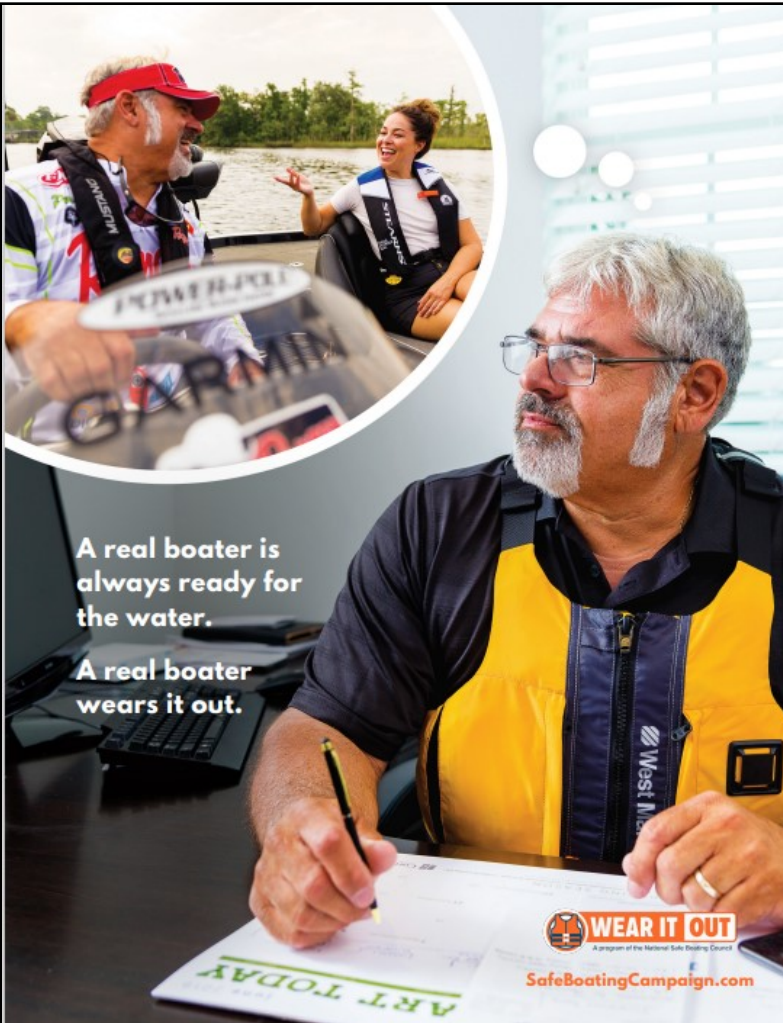
# SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

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# Running Lights

## May 2022



A real boater is  
always ready for  
the water.

A real boater  
wears it out.



### WEAR IT OUT

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## National Safe Boating Week is May 21-27

### Kick it off at our Member Meeting Saturday May 21st Reflections on Deep Lake in Lake Villa

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

This past weekend we had our SVPS Americas Boating Club North Shore Change of Watch. It was great to see everyone. Dover Straits employees did a great job accommodating us. Ron Zingler set up a projector showing pictures of all our past events going back 10 years. It was fun to reminisce about our past adventures. We had our very own District Commander Richard Davidson help with the ceremony.

Our Squadron was able to fill a full bridge this year. Mostly the same members as last year, except for Jim Soyka who will be our new Education Officer. Joe Paldo will be our Assistant Education Officer. Ray Adam will become an Elected Member. Ray and Deb Adam are new members and have already been volunteering to help with our events.

The awards presented at the event were as follows. The Commander's award went to 2 recipients: Karen and Frank D'Amico. They both were a great help to me this year and I appreciate their efforts. The Past Commander's Award went to Dave Anthony. Dave is always there and helping when we need assistance with events. The Joseph A Mack award went to Joe Paldo for his outstanding contribution to SVPS Education. Joe is on the front lines scheduling and conducting classes with Jim and Richards' assistance. The Boner award went to me. It didn't make the best story but nevertheless I earned it. This award is given to an individual who makes the most noteworthy GOOF afloat. The Distinctive Communicator Award honors the staff of the Running Lights and was presented to our Editor Karen D'Amico at the Spring Conference. I know everyone will agree that we have the very best newsletter in THE USPS. Karen does a great job. I want to thank Gary Vinzant for having all the awards made as it was a big help to me. All in all the event went well. Remember we are all volunteers and we have the very best people in our group that are willing to make things happen. **We are Team North Shore.**

Our next dinner meeting is on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Reflections in Lake Villa. This is a restaurant we have been to before and has a great view of the lake. Joe Paldo is hosting our group after dinner. I hope to see you all there. The Lake Michigan Fishing Charter & North Point Sundowner and Bon Fire is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dave Anthony if you are interested. There are still two seats available to fill the second boat. This is always a great day at North Point Marina. Hopefully the weather cooperates. The new bridge will be meeting to start finalizing plans for the upcoming events.

I consider the past year to be a great success and with a little luck we will have many more to come.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP



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# Mark Your Calendar



## May 2022

4	Wed	National Town Hall on Reorganization	<a href="https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc">https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc</a>
5	Thurs	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting, see page 9
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
21	Sat	May Member Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa (page 5)
21-27	Sat-Fri	National Safe Boating Week	<a href="http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com">www.safeboatingcampaign.com</a>

## June 2022

1	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, contact Frank D'Amico
11	Sat	Fishing Derby and North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina (page 6 and below)
15	Wed	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
23-25	Thurs-Sat	Milwaukee Summerfest 2022	Milwaukee, WI

## North Point Sundowner June 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM *After the Charter Fishing Derby*



*Bring your own beverages  
and a chair for the bonfire*

We will gather in the outdoor BBQ area by Q dock at 6:00 PM and order pizza and salad for dinner for everyone present. Afterwards our Commander / Fire Master will light the bonfire! Contact [dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net) if you are planning to attend

## May 21-27 is National Safe Boating Week!

This is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort encouraging responsible boaters to create a safe boating experience for all.

The National Safe Boating Council recommends these tips for boaters:

- **Take a boating safety course.** Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters.
- **Wear a life jacket** – every time. Accidents on the water can happen much too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. It's no use in an emergency unless you Wear It!
- **Check equipment.** Schedule a free vessel safety check with one of our certified vessel examiners, Gary Vinzant or Richard Calfa, to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition.
- **Make a float plan.** Always let someone on shore know the trip itinerary, including operator and passenger information, boat type and registration, and communication equipment on board. Use the float plan feature on the [America's Boating Club Mobile App](#).
- **Use an engine cut-off device – it's the law.** An engine cut-off device, or engine cut-off switch, is a proven safety device to stop the boat's engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard or become incapacitated.
- **Watch the weather.** Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion. Dress properly for the weather; wear layers and bring extras in case you get wet.
- **Know what's going on around you at all times.** Nearly a quarter of all reported boating accidents in 2020 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- **Know where you're going and travel at safe speeds.** Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones and always travel at a safe speed.
- **Never boat under the influence.** A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.
- **Keep in touch.** Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite and cell phones are all important devices in an emergency.

## New USCG Safety Requirements

Submitted by Mike Ludtke, Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron



There are two new important safety requirements that recently took effect.

Effective April 1, the USCG has a requirement for the use of an Electronic Cut Off Switch (ECOS) on power boats less than 26', with the following conditions. Since January 2020 manufacturers have been required to install an ECOS on all new power boats. Boats built prior to 2020, which have an ECOS installed, must be in working order. Boats built prior to 2020, which do not have an ECOS, are not required to install an ECOS.

Beginning April 20, the USCG no longer considers disposable fire extinguishers, over 12 years old, serviceable and they will no longer count towards the required number of units on your boat. Most disposable units will have the year of manufacture stamped on the bottom or somewhere on the label.

They are also changing the labeling for the class of fire extinguishers. The new labeling is 5-B & 10-B. These are the same units as the B-I & B-II. If your boat is 2018 or newer, your fire extinguishers must carry the new labeling designations. You can get more information at <http://www.BoatUS.org/Fire>



# **America's Boating Club North Shore May Member Meeting Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 3 PM**

Enjoy great Polish home cooking at Reflections in Lake Villa. Cocktails on the deck and Saturday afternoon meeting with beautiful views of Deep Lake.

After dinner, Joe Paldo has invited everyone to his lodge on Crooked Lake. Just 3 blocks from the restaurant.

## **Reflections**

**38564 N. Edgewood**

**Lake Villa, IL 60046**

**847.265.4170**



Cocktails: 3:00 PM

Dinner: 4:00 PM order from the menu with separate checks

After Party: Joe Paldo's Lodge (3 blocks away)



**RSVP to Ron Zingler**

**847.946.2516 Cell**

**zingleron@comcast.net**

# Charter Fishing Derby—June 11th

*the boats depart from North Point at noon*

**2 open spots**

**Gear up and get out on Lake Michigan for a charter fishing excursion**

Contact [dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net) for information.

We have two boats reserved and each boat holds 6 people. The estimated cost is expected to be about \$130 per person, depending on the number of fishermen (or fisher ladies).

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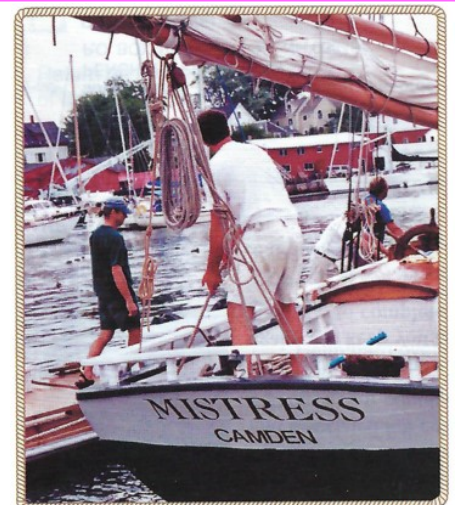
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## May Anniversaries

Sue Anthony	2011	11 yrs
Stuart Zwang	2000	22 yrs
Richard Davidson	1998	24 yrs
Robert & Charles Schult	1991	32 yrs
William Bellinger	1988	35 yrs
Frank Zimmerman	1979	44 yrs
T. Cepuritis	1967	56 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
**Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP**

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



When you payout or slack a mooring line under strain, it is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ the line.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
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# SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
May 21 Saturday	Member meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa	Ron Zingler & Joe Paldo
June 11 Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
June 11 Saturday	Sundowner & Bon Fire	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave & Sue Anthony
June 23-25 Thurs-Sat	Summerfest	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
July 8-17 Fri-Sun	Summer Cruise	South Haven, St. Joe, Hammond Casino	Tony Palazzo
July 16 Saturday	Port Washington Fish Day	Port Washington	
July 23-24 Sat-Sun	Milwaukee Air & Water Show, Blue Angels	McKinley Harbor	
August 19-20 Fri-Sat	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	Riverside Conference Center & Suites, Rockford	Rockford Power Squadron
August 20-21 Sat-Sun	Chicago Air & Water Show, Thunderbirds	Burnham Harbor	
September 18 Sunday	Member Meeting	Bucca diBeppo, Wheeling	Ron Zingler
October 23 Sunday	Member Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
November 12 Saturday	Anniversary Dinner	TBD	Ron Zingler
December 11 Sunday	Commander's Holiday Party	TBD	Commander

## May 20th is Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day!

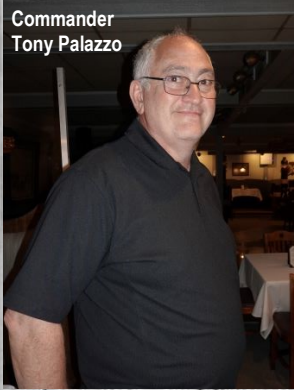
The National Safe Boating campaign encourages everyone to participate. No matter where you are working, join in the fun by wearing your life jacket and posting creative pictures on social media for a chance to win a prize. This is a great way to encourage others to boat responsibly.

Share a picture of yourself wearing a lifejacket at work or at home on social media with the hashtag #wearyourlifejacketatworkday and tag @boatingcampaign. Don't use social media? Email your photo to [outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org](mailto:outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org)

Winners will be chosen randomly throughout the day to receive boating swag, such as t-shirts, dry bags, first aid kits, stickers and more.



# America's Boating Club North Shore Change of Watch



Commander  
Tony Palazzo



Deb & Ray  
Adam



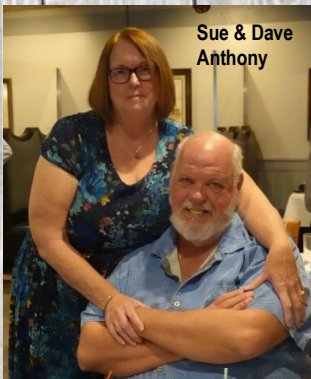
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Davidson



Joanne Zingler & Deb Adam



Sue & Dave  
Anthony



Sue & Tony Palazzo, Christine & Larry March



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Soyka



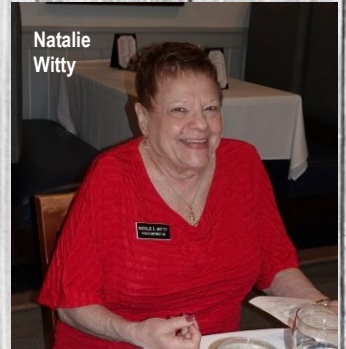
Joe & Lori  
Ratajczak



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Lori & Stuart  
Zwang



Natalie  
Witty



Rich Davidson  
& Bonni Breen



Rich Barta



Gary Vinzant, Christine & Larry March



Joe  
Paldo



Joe Paldo honored with  
the Joseph Mack Award



Dave Anthony receives the  
Past Commanders Award



Frank D'Amico  
receives the  
Commander's  
Award



## HAVE THE RIGHT LIFE JACKET?

No matter what the activity or style chosen, the most important thing is this: Remember to be responsible and always wear your life jacket while boating.

Looking for a life jacket? Today's life jackets come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors and materials. No matter which life jacket you choose, be sure it's right for you, your planned activities and the water conditions you expect to encounter.

Download How to Read the Label infographic at [safeboatingcampaign.com/life-jackets](https://safeboatingcampaign.com/life-jackets).



### Try It On

- Check the manufacturer's ratings for your size and weight.
- Make sure the life jacket is properly zipped and/or buckled.
- Check for fit by raising your arms above your head while wearing the life jacket and ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings and gently pull up.
- Ensure your life jacket fits properly with no excess room above the openings and the life jacket does not ride up over your chin or face. A snug fit in these areas shows the life jacket fits properly.

### Fit Facts

- It is extremely important that you choose a life jacket that fits properly.
- Life jackets that are too big will cause the flotation device to push up around your face, which could be dangerous.
- Life jackets that are too small may not be able to keep your body afloat.



### Important Reminders

- Make sure your life jacket is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- Double check that your life jacket is appropriate for your favorite water activities. Read the label!
- Take the time to ensure a proper fit. A life jacket that is too large or too small can cause different situational problems.
- Check your life jacket is in good serviceable condition, with no tears or holes. Test to make sure it works properly.
- Life jackets meant for adult-sized people do not work for children. If you are boating with children, make sure they are wearing properly fitted, child-sized life jackets based on their weight. Do not buy a life jacket for your child to "grow into."

**May Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday May 5th at 7:00 pm Central**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 844 5337 3460, Passcode: 787536**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84453373460?pwd=UDYrQnhYYndWMTNLcEZkN2Q3Zmdkdz09>

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## *Americas Boating Club Cruise to Southern Lake Michigan July 8<sup>H</sup> thru July 17<sup>H</sup>*

Beat the winter blues and start planning for warm summer weather. This July we will embark on our long awaited southern Lake Michigan cruise. All are welcome by boat or car! Marinas fill up fast, so in March we need to make reservations and send deposits. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.

Our first port of call is **South Haven Municipal Marina, Michigan**. Slip reservations can be made by calling 269-637-3171.

[http://www.southhaven.com/parks\\_and\\_recreation/marinas.php](http://www.southhaven.com/parks_and_recreation/marinas.php)

The charming harbor town of South Haven has long been a favorite spot for vacationers. Packed with wonderful restaurants and pubs, great shopping, museums, 2 vineyards, and unique art galleries, it is no surprise that South Haven has been a popular year round vacation destination for over 140 years. There is a lot to enjoy around the area for some good old fashioned fun. Summers at the beach are great. This is a frequent stop for our group and a personal favorite for me.



Our next stop is **West Basin Marina, St. Joseph Michigan**. Slip reservations can be made by calling 269-983-5432. <https://sicity.com/live-here/marina>

West Basin Marina is located on the north side of St. Joseph River. Getting to the town of St. Joe on the south side of the river will require using their free shuttle service. This is a new stop for us, but lots to do in the area, like wineries, restaurants and shopping. Along the lake, at the mouth of the St. Joseph River, sandy Silver Beach features a restored 1910 carousel and a pavilion. Near Tiscornia Park and its dune-backed beach, the 2 North Pier lighthouses date from the early 1900s. The Curious Kids' Museum offers hands-on exhibits, including a play veterinarian clinic, apple orchard and farm.

Next stop, **Hammond Horseshoe Casino and Marina, Indiana**. For information on slip rentals or any other questions about the marina, call 219-659-7678.

<https://hammondportauthority.com/hammond-marina/>

The newly remodeled Hammond Marina is just steps away from the Horseshoe Casino. There are over 900 slips of various sizes that can accommodate many types of vessels. After enjoying a day out on beautiful Lake Michigan, enjoy a night of gaming excitement at the Horseshoe Casino. Designated the first "Clean Marina" in the state of Indiana, Hammond Marina strives to be at the forefront of environmental conscientiousness. It features recycling bins throughout the marina, as well as a top-notch drainage system and boat wash-down station that keeps dirty water from flowing into the lake. Beyond the cleanliness of the marina, they offer attractive Indiana fuel prices at lower rates. Add into the mix the marina's extended hours and location, and it makes the perfect stop for boaters. It's located in the Hammond Harbor Basin of Lake Michigan, just 12 nautical miles from downtown Chicago.



### **Intended itinerary below based on weather and time permitting!**

<b>Date Leave</b>	<b>Port Leave</b>	<b>Port Arrive</b>	<b>Date Arrive</b>	<b>Miles</b>
7/8/2022	Kenosha	South Haven	7/8/2022	85
7/11/2022	South Haven	St. Joe	7/11/2022	25
7/14/2022	St. Joe	Hammond	7/14/2022	60
7/17/2022	Hammond	Home Port	7/17/2022	65
			<b><u>Total Miles</u></b>	<b><u>235</u></b>

**Everyone is welcome to attend our cruise by boat or driving. All of our ports can be followed by car. Also we can make decisions on itinerary as a group when we are traveling. Bring your own ideas and we can discuss as a group. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.**





### Life Jackets Save Lives

**75%** of all fatal boating accident victims drowned.\*  
**Of these, 86%** were not wearing a life jacket.\*

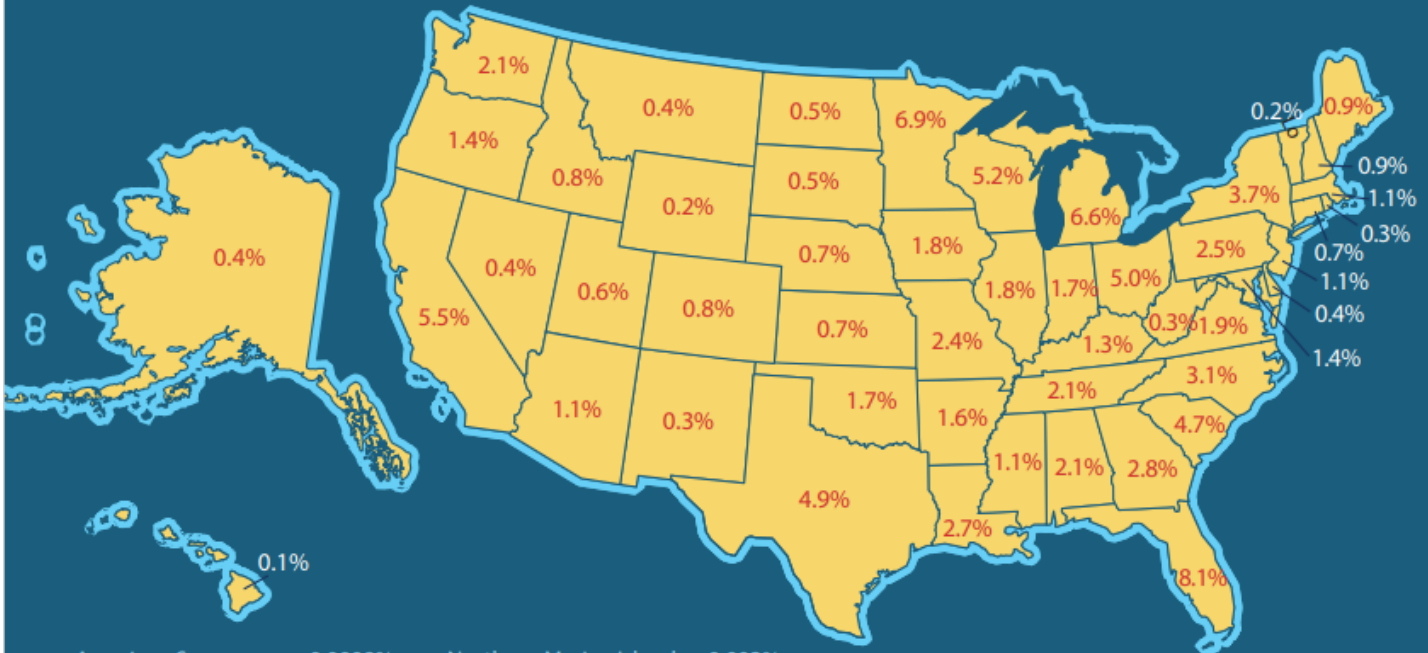
### Most Common Vessels in Accidents\*

1. Open motorboats (46%)
2. Personal watercraft (22%)
3. Cabin motorboats (13%)
4. Other (19%)

### Recreational Boat Registration by State\*

100 million Americans participated in boating in 2020.\*\*

There were 11,838,188 registered boats in 2020 (state percentages indicated below).



### Top 5 Factors in Boating Accidents and Deaths\*

1. Operator inattention
2. Operator inexperience
3. Improper lookout
4. Excessive speed
5. Machinery failure

American Samoa 0.0009% Northern Marina Islands 0.003%  
 District of Columbia 0.02% Puerto Rico 0.3%  
 Guam 0.007% Virgin Islands 0.03%

Sources: \*U.S. Coast Guard's 2020 Recreational Boating Statistics  
 \*\*National Marine Manufacturers Association



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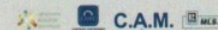
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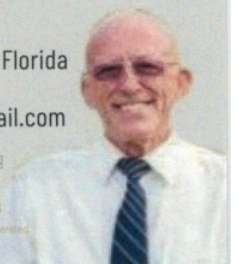
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