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Sustaining, Supporting, and Defending Safety Excellence



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Boaters Safety

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With the warmer weather approaching sportsman and recreational enthusiasts will be taking advantage of the rivers, creeks and ponds that Fort Stewart and South Georgia have to offer. Be sure to follow Fort Stewart and Georgia rules.



New Georgia Law

- Reducing the Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) blood alcohol content from .10 to .08.
- Increase the age of those required to wear a personnel flotation device from 10 to 13.
- Effective July 1, 2014, anyone born on or after January 1, 1998, who operates and motorized vessel on the waters of this state shall complete a boating education course approved by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prior to the operation of such vessel.

10-Safety Tips:

1. Be Weather-wise
2. Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist
3. Use Common Sense
4. Designate an Assistant Skipper
5. Develop a Float Plan
6. Make Proper Use of Lifejackets
7. Avoid Alcohol
8. Learn to Swim
9. Take a Boating Course
<http://www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/default.asp>
10. Consider a Free Vessel Safety Check
<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT>

Manage The Risk – Protect The Force

For additional information contact:

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