

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING

We suggest that you read the information below before using the boat. Failure to follow the warnings/precautions below may lead to serious injury or death.

1. Weather and water conditions

Check the weather and water conditions before you go boating. Your boat is designed to be used only in sheltered waters and lakes. It is not designed for whitewater use. Never go boating in severe winds, rain, thunderstorms, choppy waters, strong currents, flood waters, or where tides will seriously affect your ability to steer the boat or return to shore.

2. Every passenger should always wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when using this boat.

Before going boating, read the PFD manufacturer's information pamphlet regarding the PFD and thoroughly familiarize yourself with how the PFD is to be worn.

3. Never use or consume alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that may affect your coordination, judgment or ability to safely operate the boat.

4. Sound device

The Coast Guard requires boaters to have a means of signaling other boaters of their presence. You should keep sound device in the boat with you at all times. If possible, attach the sound device to your Personal Flotation Device.

5. Never stand up in the boat

Standing up in the boat may cause it to capsize. If the boat should capsize, please note that, in most cases, it is far more dangerous to attempt to swim to shore than to stay with the boat.

6. Never exceed your ability

Honestly assess your physical capability as to how far and how long you can pedal and swim.

7. Slippery when wet

The hull material is extremely slick when wet. Always wear slip-resistant shoes and stay in the centre of the boat.

8. Hypothermia

Boating accidents in cold water are very dangerous. Hypothermia, the loss of body heat due to immersion in cold water, can be deadly. Survival time can be as short as 15 minutes in 2°C (35°F) water. Dress appropriately for weather conditions, wearing a wet or dry suit if necessary.

9. Never use this boat alone

It is best to have someone with you in case of an emergency or accident. Also, always tell someone your boating plans, including where you are going, how long you'll be gone, and how many people you'll be with.

10. Never allow minors to use this boat without adult supervision.

11. Always familiarize yourself with the body of water where you will be boating.

Learn what hours boating is permitted, whether there are any known hazardous conditions, and where you can get help quickly in case of emergency or accident.

12. Always abide by all Coast Guard regulations and State/Provincial and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and rules concerning boating and boating safety.

Check with the Coast Guard and State/Provincial and local authorities concerning proper boat handling and the proper equipment to be carried on board, such as lights and sound-producing devices.

13. Drain plugs

Check that the drain plug of the boat is securely in place before launching the boat. You should drain the space between the deck and the hull of any water accumulated through condensation or seepage.

14. Motor

Never use a motor larger than rated on capacity tag displayed on the boat. Follow instructions that come with motor. Handle gasoline with extreme care. Avoid sudden maneuvers which could cause loss of control, and capsizing, or passengers to fall from the boat.

15. Weight capacity

Review the passenger and weight capacity limitations. Ensure the loading will be within these limits. Proper distribution of weight is necessary to ensure proper balance (trim) and performance. Each boat has a capacity tag clearly displayed on the craft.