

# Marina Safety Tips



- ✦ Wear PFD's while on the docks and working around your boat. ESPECIALLY make sure that children are wearing properly-fitted PFD's.
- ✦ Don't swim in marina waters. Boat maneuvering and movement is tough enough without having swimmers in the water, and there can also be dangerous stray currents in the water from improperly bonded electrical systems.
- ✦ Make sure you, your family members, and guests are wearing non-slip shoes anywhere on the marina premises, but especially around the docks and on your boat.
- ✦ Don't leave loose items lying around on the dock or in visible areas of your boat. They could get kicked into the water, stolen, or present a tripping hazard.
- ✦ Be proactive about regular maintenance of your vessel, especially electrical and fuel systems.
- ✦ Use bio-degradable cleaning products when you wash your boat.
- ✦ If you leave your boat for any reason, turn off any portable heaters you may have on board.
- ✦ Never leave engine parts or oily rags around dock areas, and ventilate thoroughly before performing any work on your boat.
- ✦ You and your family are the eyes and ears of your marina neighborhood. Don't be shy about telling marina staff about potential problems or hazards, such as weatherworn wiring or fixtures, spilled or leaking fuel, or lack of safety equipment like fire extinguishers, proper signage, and life rings.
- ✦ On board gasoline generators can leak fuel, short out, overheat, and can represent a significant carbon monoxide risk if not properly used and maintained.
- ✦ Practice a safe egress from your boat and from the dock in the event of fire.