



Before you go

KNOW THE BOATING SAFETY

CODE

Before you go boating on our seas, lakes and rivers, get familiar with New Zealand's Boating Safety Code.

Five simple rules will help you to stay safe, no matter what kind of boat you use.

5 **simple rules**
to help you stay safe:

- 1 Life Jackets**
Take them - Wear them.
Boats, especially ones under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.
- 2 Skipper Responsibility**
The skipper is responsible for the safety of everyone on board and for the safe operation of the boat. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.
- 3 Communications**
Take two separate waterproof ways of communicating so we can help you if you get into difficulties.
- 4 Marine Weather**
New Zealand's weather can be highly unpredictable. Check the local marine weather forecast before you go and expect both weather and sea state changes.
- 5 Avoid Alcohol**
Safe boating and alcohol do not mix. Things can change quickly on the water. You need to stay alert and aware.

For more information about safe boating education and how to prepare for your boating experience, visit www.adventuresmart.org.nz