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National Water Safety Month

May is National Water Safety Month and UCSO wants to make sure boaters are prepared for this year's boating season! Here are some tips before you hit the water and what to be prepared for while out on the water. Although boating is full of fun and leisure, the number one priority for everyone on the water should be safety.

Boating Tips:

- Do not bring or consume alcohol or drugs while on the water.
- Everyone on board should be wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- All vessel operators should utilize an engine cut-off switch.
- Take a boating safety course prior to heading out on the water (It's the law!).
- File a float plan.
- Have visual distress signals and sound producing devices in case of an emergency.
- Pay attention to buoys and navigation aids.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and have a look out.
- Check the weather prior to heading out on the water and continue to monitor the conditions once on the water.
- Carry at least two communication devices that will work when wet.

