

# BOATER AND WATER SAFETY ACTIVITY BOOK



WITH DOMMY BEAR AND FRIENDS



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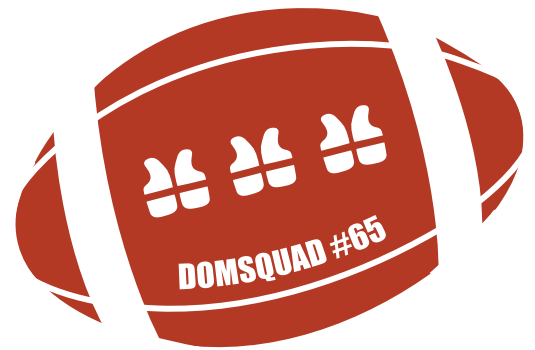
Dominic Trionfo was lovable and huggable teenage boy. As a student at Longwood High School he played football for his school and was a fan of the Mets and Jets.

He also loved the water. Sadly, he died in a jet ski accident, even though he had his license and was wearing a life jacket (also known as PFDs or personal flotation devices) when it happened. To make sure all children are having fun but being safe when they are boating, we want to teach you essential safety lessons about the water.

We hope you have fun with this activity book. You will learn some very important information about boating and water safety. For example, you should always be wearing a life jacket when you are on a boat or doing any sort of water activity.

## HELPING OTHER STUDENTS

On Dom's Day, we come together to help remember Dominic and have fun celebrating him through activities like a flag football tournament. Another way we celebrate Dominic is to give back to the community through scholarship awards.

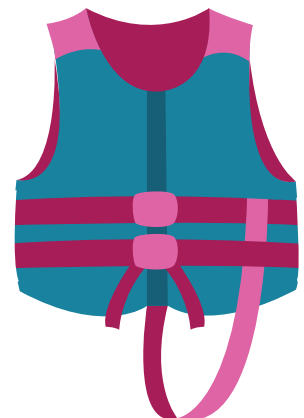
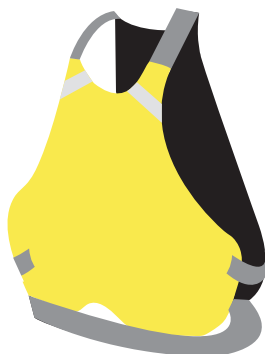


## INTRODUCTION TO LIFE JACKETS

There are several types of life jackets. Some people think that just because they are in the water and are wearing a life jacket, they are being safe. Although this is sometimes the case, it is important to understand how to correctly wear a life jacket, how to choose the correct size, and what the extra rules are for because a life jacket by itself is not enough.



Life jackets can be fun. They come in all kinds of bright colors to make sure you can be seen from very far away.



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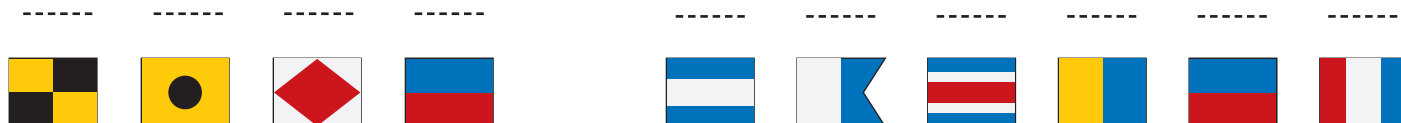
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The United States Power Squadrons® recommends that everyone wears a life jacket.

# WHAT SHOULD YOU ALWAYS WEAR WHEN YOU ARE ON A BOAT?

Use the flags at the bottom to decode the secret message.



## MEANINGS OF THE FLAGS

Each flag has a different meaning. Here are some examples.



I have a diver in the water so stay a good distance away and go slowly.



I am getting, giving, or carrying dangerous items.



Affirmative (The fancy word for yes.)

## DESIGN YOUR OWN FLAG



What should it mean?

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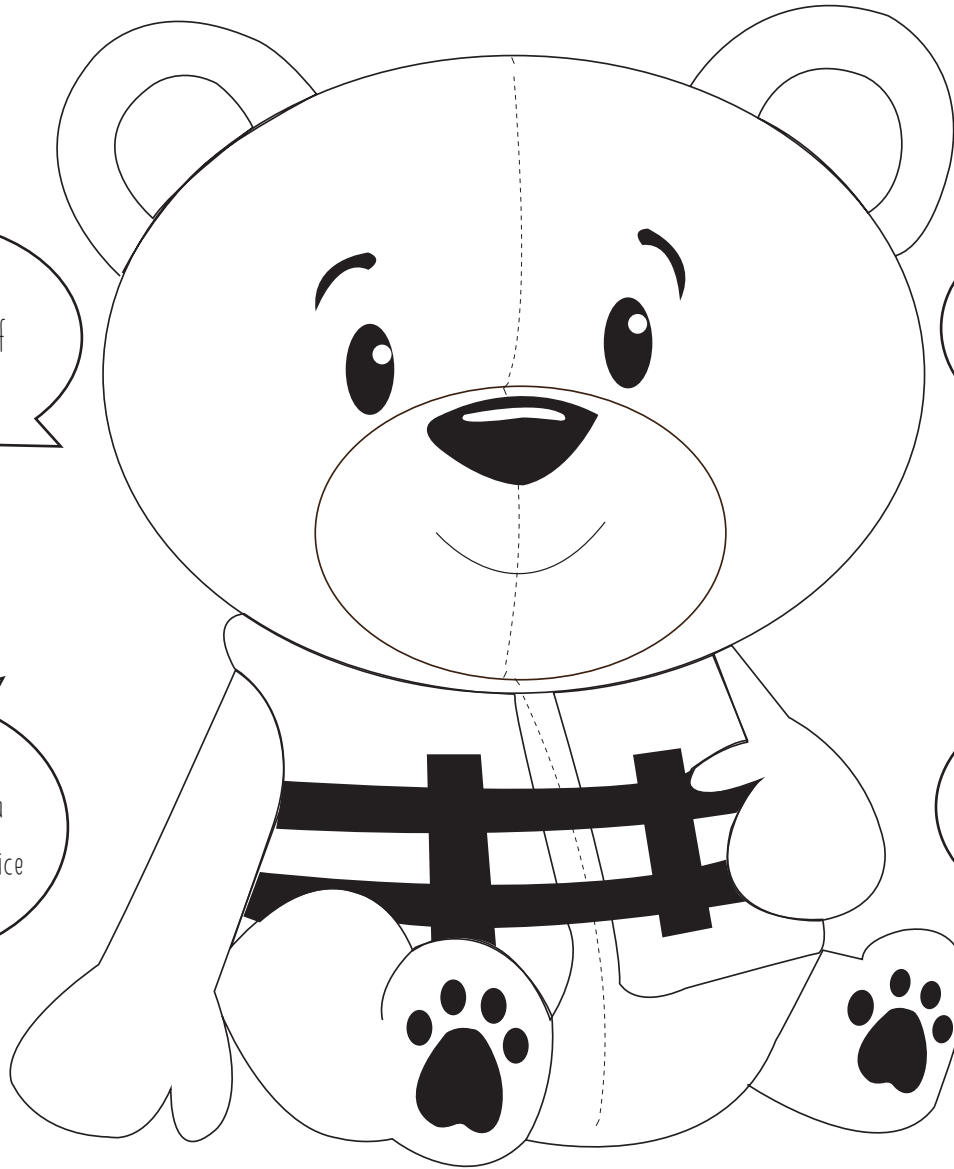
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## WHAT IS A NAUTICAL FLAG?

Nautical flags are colorful flags used by boats to send signals to each other, or to the shore if they are not too far away. The flags are used instead of sending messages over radio because all sailors will understand what they mean and it is important to be able to communicate in a way that will still work even if a radio system is broken.

# WHAT IS A LIFE JACKET?



There are five different types of Life Jackets.

You should always wear an appropriate Life Jacket on a water craft!

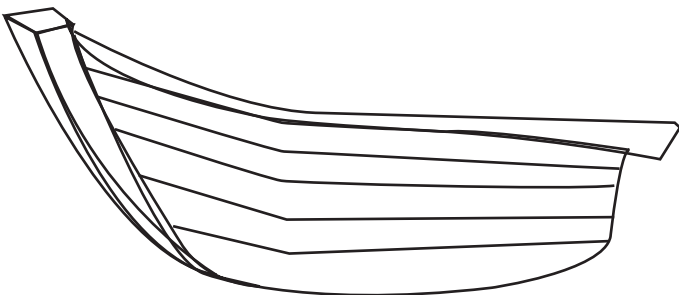
Another word for Life Jacket is a personal flotation device (PFD).

A Life Jacket gives you more buoyancy to help you stay afloat

## NEW WORD: BUOYANCY

Check page 13 to find out what it means

Do you think a boat like this is buoyant ?



## CAN YOU NAME THEM?

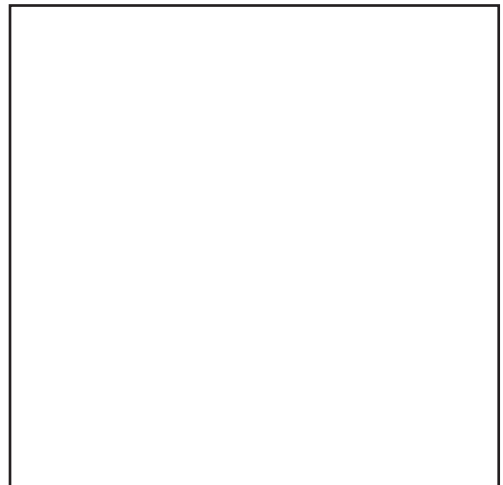
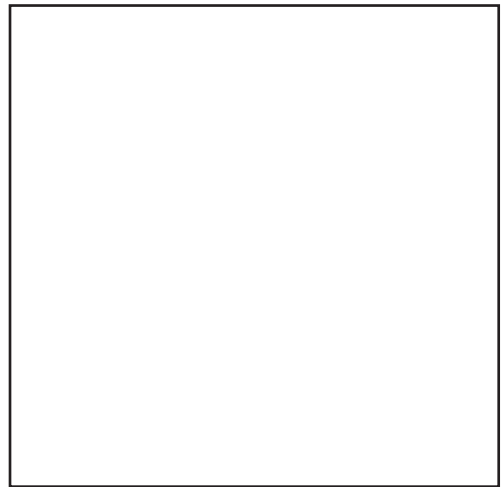
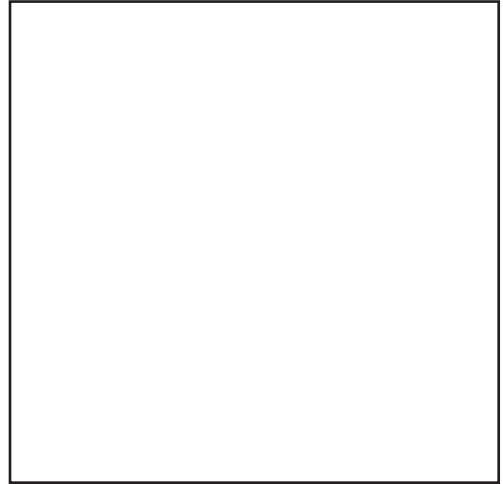
Can you think of some water crafts that you should wear a life jacket on ?

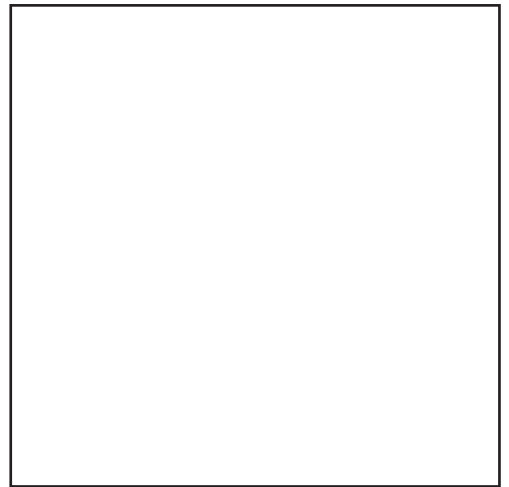
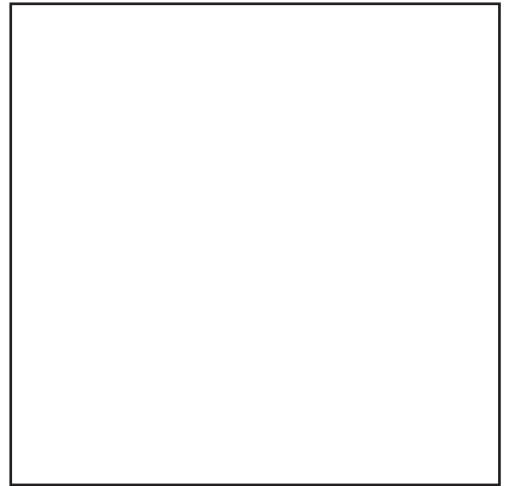
- Example Row boat

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# HELP DOMMY WEAR HIS LIFE JACKET THE RIGHT WAY!

Dommy is going on a fun boat trip with his parents. They are getting ready to go, but Dommy has a problem. He keeps putting his Life Jacket on the wrong way! There are pictures of all the different ways he is putting his Life Jacket on, and in the box next to each picture, you can draw or write the correct way to put it on.





# THE ADVENTURES OF THE DOM SQUAD

Dommy Bear and his friends are walking to the marina one sunny summer day. As they are walking they come across a nice refreshing pond.

Let's go  
for a swim!



Wait,  
you should never swim  
or be near water without an  
adult watching you. Let's  
wait for our parents  
to get here.

Good Idea  
Dommy. Let's go  
find them by the dock.

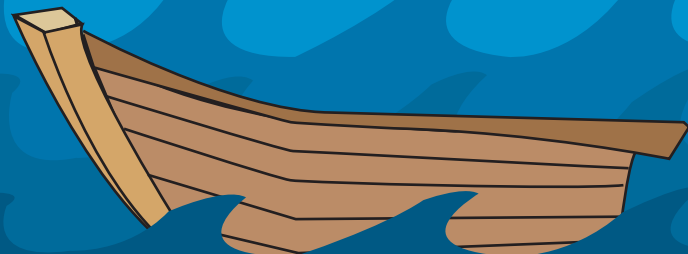


The friends continued on their way to find their parents. When they got to the dock, Lion started to jump near the edge.

Be  
careful!

You should  
always wear an  
appropriate Life Jacket  
on a water craft.

That's  
okay I'm a  
great swimmer.





I don't remember  
you taking swimming lessons.

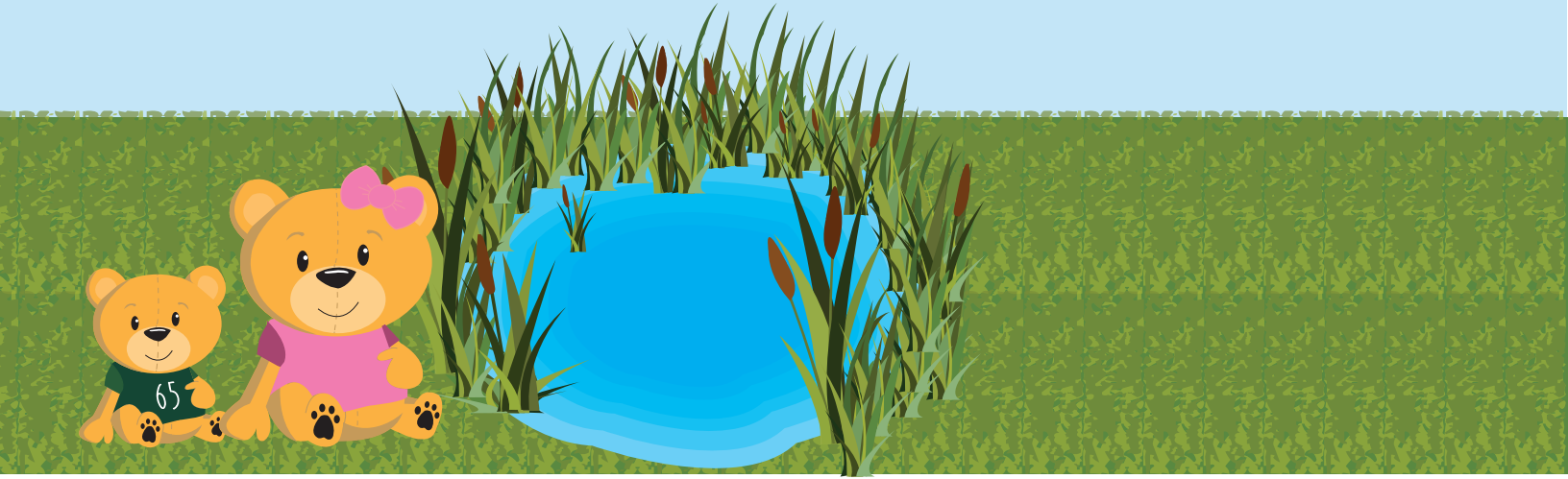
I never did, but  
I don't have to because  
I have a pool at home  
in my backyard.

Just because you have a pool  
at home doesn't make you a great  
swimmer. It is important to  
learn to swim.

Wow Dommy, I didn't realize  
you knew so much about water  
safety. Thank you for teaching  
me all of the rules!

You're welcome!  
Water could be dangerous if you  
aren't safe, but if you follow these rules  
it could be fun!

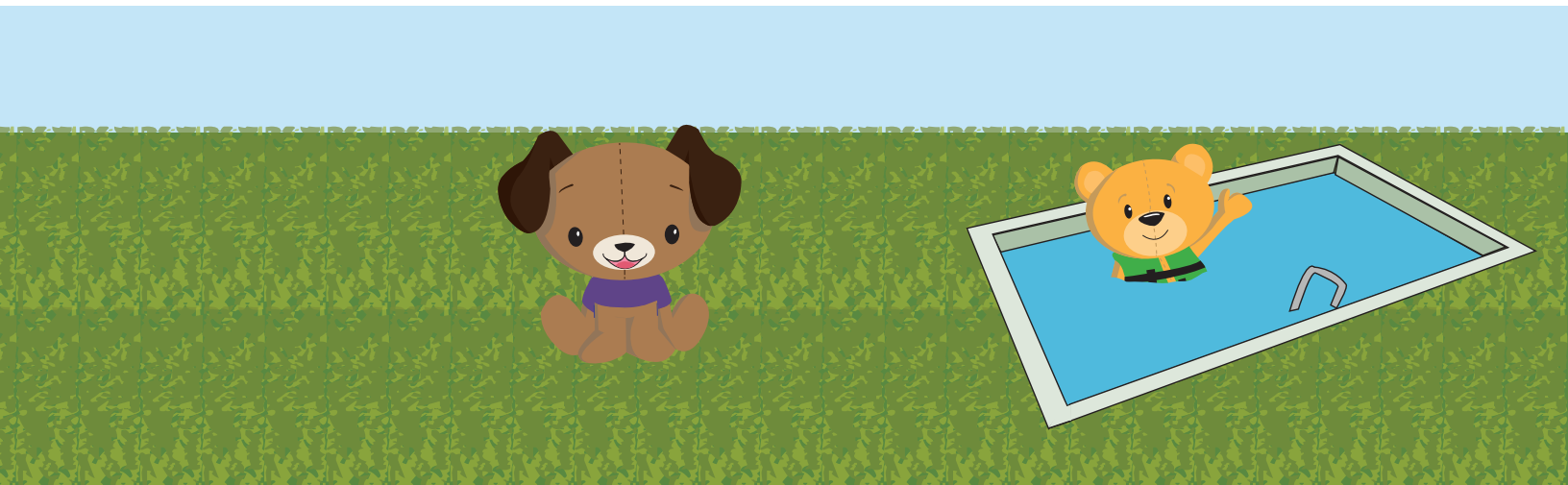
DISCUSS OR WRITE THE WATER SAFETY RULE FOR EACH PICTURE USING THE DETAILS FROM THE STORY.



Write the rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



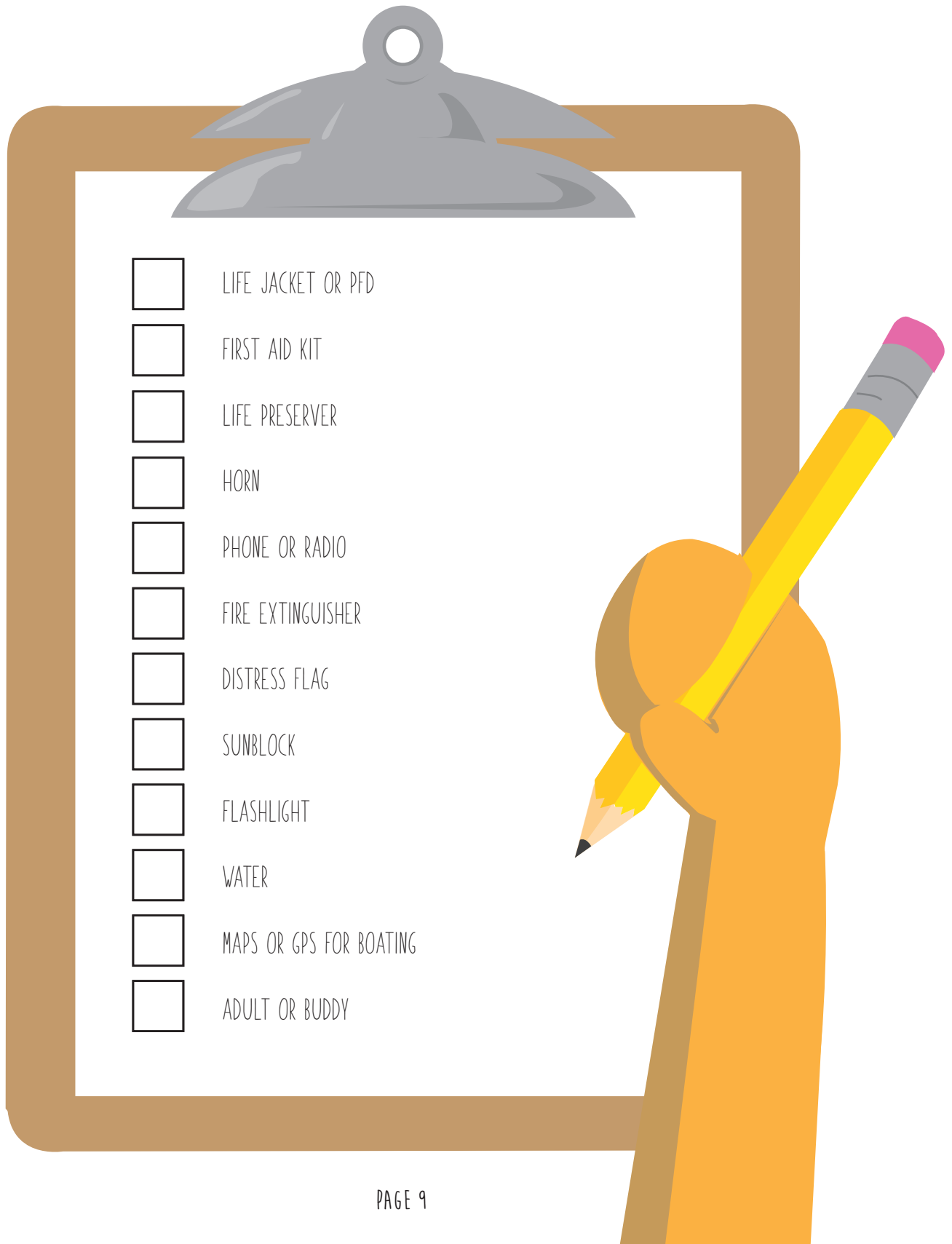
Write the rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# BOATING AND WATER SAFETY ITEM CHECKLIST

Make sure the boat you are going on has these items

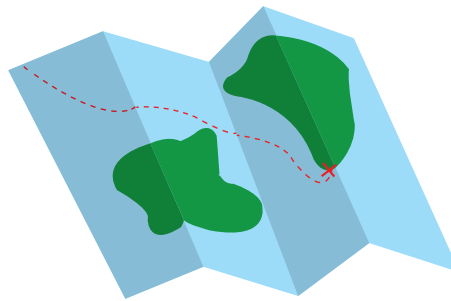
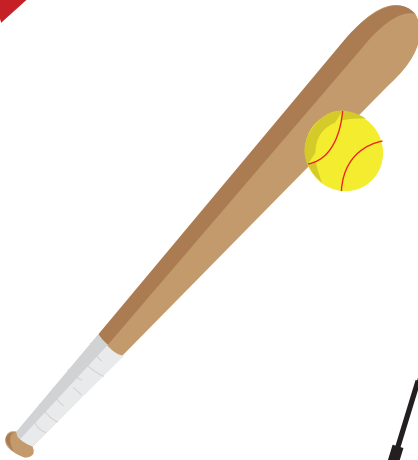
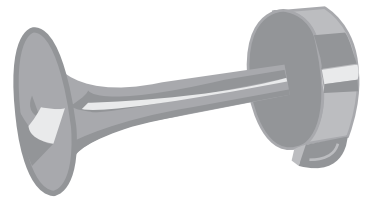
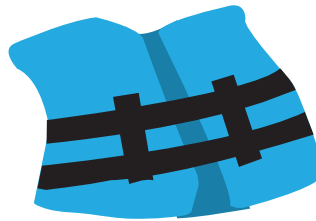
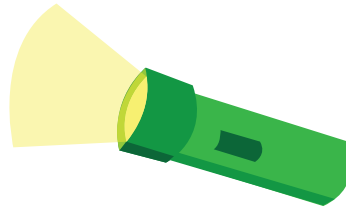
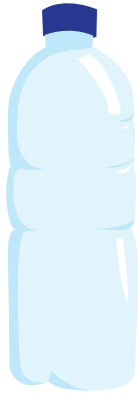


A large, stylized illustration of a clipboard with a brown frame and a silver clip at the top. A hand holding a yellow pencil with a pink eraser is positioned on the right side, pointing towards the checklist. The clipboard contains a list of 12 items, each preceded by a square checkbox.

- ☐ LIFE JACKET OR PFD
- ☐ FIRST AID KIT
- ☐ LIFE PRESERVER
- ☐ HORN
- ☐ PHONE OR RADIO
- ☐ FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- ☐ DISTRESS FLAG
- ☐ SUNBLOCK
- ☐ FLASHLIGHT
- ☐ WATER
- ☐ MAPS OR GPS FOR BOATING
- ☐ ADULT OR BUDDY

# FIND THE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY ITEMS!

Circle the items from the Boater and Water Safety info checklist



# BOATER CONDUCT

Fill in each blank with one of the bolded words

LIFE JACKET

NEAR

ADULT

WEATHER

HANG

ENGINE

SAFETY

DISTRACT

1. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ over the side of the boat.
2. Do not swim when the \_\_\_\_\_ is on.
3. Always wear a \_\_\_\_\_ when on a boat.
4. Go over your \_\_\_\_\_ checklist.
5. Be prepared and know the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Always have an \_\_\_\_\_ with you on the boat or near the water.
7. Do not swim \_\_\_\_\_ boat traffic.
8. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the captain of the boat.

# WATER SAFETY WORD SEARCH

Help Dommy solve the word search using the words from the glossary

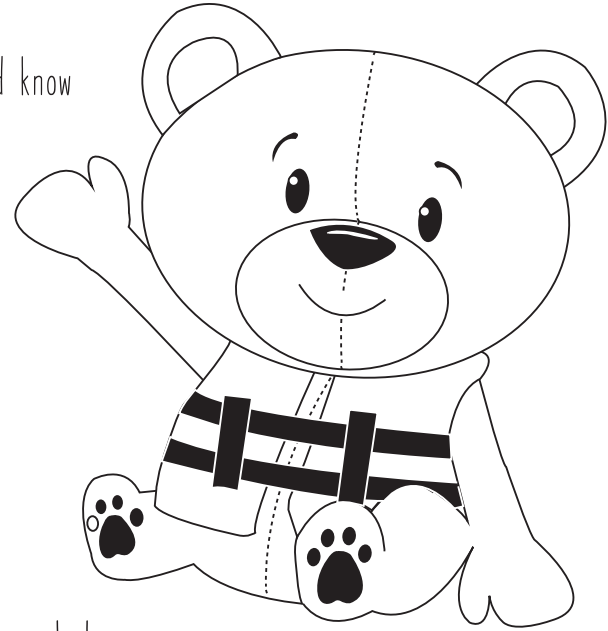
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Word Bank on next page



# GLOSSARY

Important words every boater should know



**AFLOAT:** floating in water, not sinking

**ANCHOR:** a heavy device used to hold a boat in place

**BUOYANCY:** the ability to float in water

**CAPTAIN:** the person in command of the ship

**DISTRESS FLAG:** an internationally recognized means for obtaining help

**FIRST AID KIT:** a collection of supplies and equipment used to give medical treatment

**FLASHLIGHT:** a battery-operated portable light

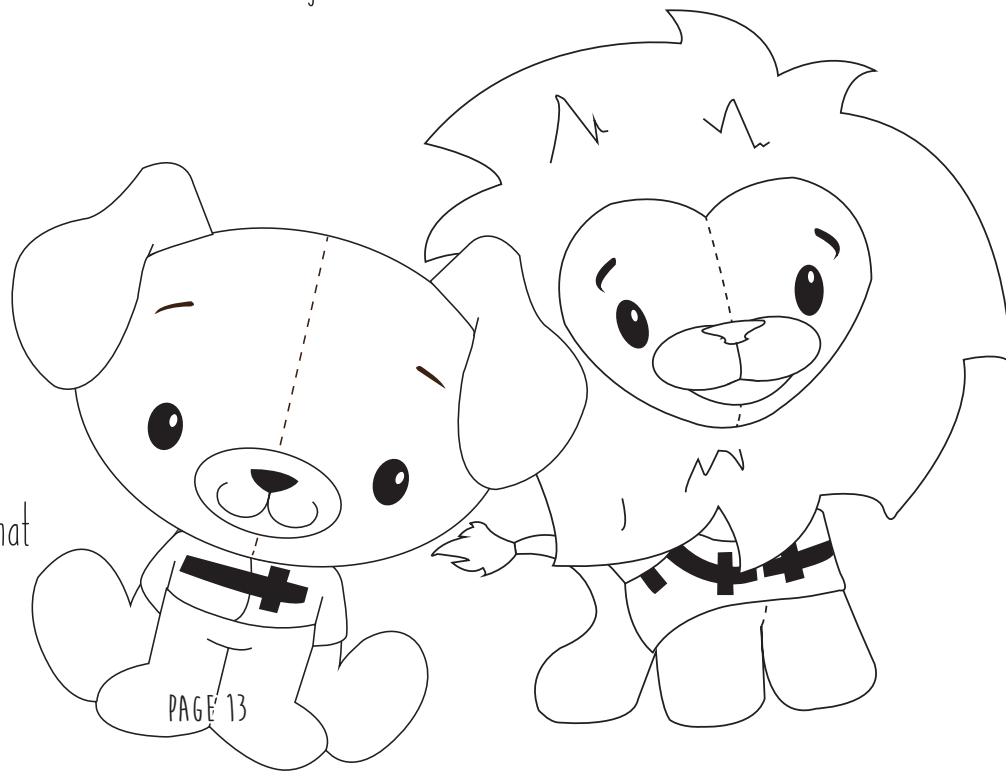
**GPS:** (Global Positioning System) A radio navigation system that allows land, sea, and airborne users to determine exact location, speed, and time.

**PFD:** (Personal Flotation Device) Another name for a life jacket.

**SUNBLOCK:** cream or lotion for protecting the skin from the sun and preventing sunburn

**WATER:** includes oceans, lakes, pools, and ponds

**WATERCRAFT:** a boat or vessel that travels on water



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