**WATER WISDOM**

- Always wear your life jacket when you go boating!
- Check the water depth before you jump in!
- Only go on ice when you’re with a grown-up!
- Alcohol and boats don’t mix!
- Take a boating safety course!
- Take swimming lessons!
- Always swim with a buddy!
- Stay away from lowhead dams!
- Only a trained lifeguard should attempt a swimming rescue!

**Sheesh!** Looks like somebody could use a little friendly advice about boat and water safety!
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THE SAME REGULATIONS AND SAFETY CONCERNS APPLY TO THEM TO
OTHER MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT.
AND LIKE MOST OTHER
BOAT ACCIDENTS, THOSE
INCLUDINQ PWCs
USUALLY RESULT FROM
INEXPERIENCE, CARELESSNESS AND
OVERCONFIDENCE!
IN OTHER
WORDS... IF
YOU WANNA BE
A HOT DOG, YOU
CAN END UP AS
HAMBURGER!

OH! LOOKS
LIKE THEY FINALLY
FOUND A PEACEFUL
SPOT FOR A LITTLE
FISHING!

WOW! THAT’S A
BEAUTY! HANG ON,
I’LL GET THE NET!

REMEMBER,
A SMALL BOAT
IS NO PLACE TO
STANDUP OR MAKE
ANY SUDDEN
MOVES!

IF YOU HAVE
TO MOVE AROUND,
KEEP A LOW PROFILE
AND TRY TO KEEP
YOUR WEIGHT
CENTERED!

KIDS NEED A WATERCRAFT
OPERATOR’S PERMIT TO
OPERATE MANY Kinds OF
BOATS. PERSONAL WATER-
CRAFT OPERATORS ARE
REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A
SLOW-NO-HASSLE SPEED
AROUND DOCKS, SHORE-
LINES, SWIMMERS, AND
STATIONARY OR
NON-MOTORIZED
WATERCRAFT!
AND ABOVE ALL...
YOU MUST WEAR A
LIFE JACKET!

PRETTY SMART... FOR A HUMAN.

NOT BAD.

AW!

HAY HAY!
THINK FAST,
DUDES!

WOT TH?

HEY!
YOU ALMOST SWAMPED US!

E.E.E.E.E.

*SEE INSIDE BACK COVER FOR INFO.*

*WHICH REMINDS ME... WOnder HOW DAD AND
JUNIOR ARE DOING?*

*DAD! I THINK I
GOT ONE*