

# WATER WISDOM

REMEMBER,  
WE *FISH*  
USUALLY  
DO WELL IN  
SCHOOLS!

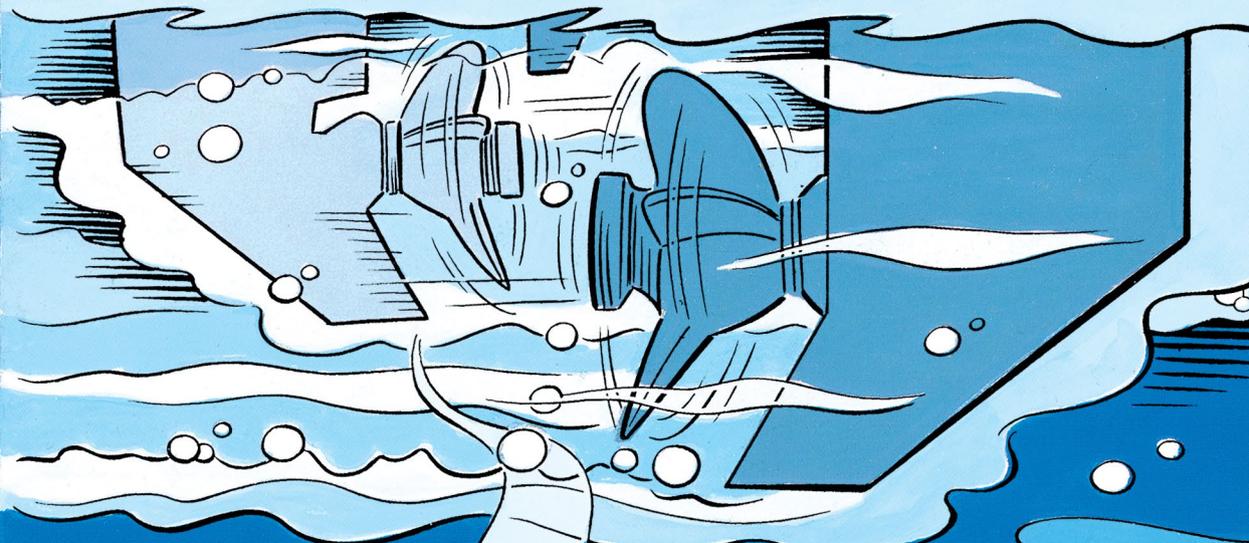
... JUST  
IN CASE  
YOU WERE  
WONDERING  
HOW I GOT  
THIS JOB!

- ★ 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!

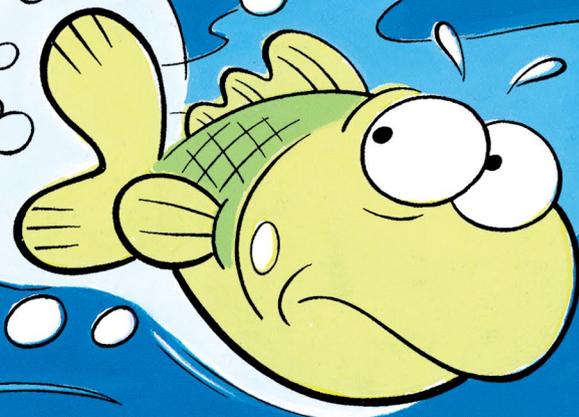


THIS COMIC BOOK COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

# H2O TOONS™



SHEESH!  
LOOKS LIKE  
SOMEBODY  
COULD USE A  
LITTLE  
FRIENDLY  
ADVICE ABOUT  
BOAT AND  
WATER  
SAFETY!



A note from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Dear parents and educators...

"H<sub>2</sub>O TOONS" explains many of the basic principles of boating and water safety. It's intended for children who are perhaps beyond the age of being interested in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) "Water Safety Coloring and Activity Book," but too young to take the DNR home study Watercraft Operator's Permit course.

We hope that you will take a few minutes to read through "H<sub>2</sub>O Toons" with your child, discuss the safety concepts and how they might apply to him or her.

Besides providing entertainment, we hope "H<sub>2</sub>O Toons" will help to lay the foundation of good water recreation safety habits for Minnesota's most precious resource...our children!

**Boating Laws to Remember**

**Life Jackets**

Minnesota law requires a Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket (Type I, II, III or V) for each person on board. The device may either be worn or readily accessible (except on personal watercraft - see below). In addition, if your boat is 16 feet or longer (except for canoes and kayaks) you must also have one Type IV throwable device (buoyant cushion or ring buoy) for the craft. Children under 10 years old are now required to wear a life jacket when boating in Minnesota, except: 1) when the boat is anchored and being used as a swimming platform or 2) when the child is below decks or in an enclosed cabin on the craft.

**Operator Age for Motorboats**  
(not including personal watercraft - PWCs, Jet Skis, etc. - see below)

- A person under the age of 12 years may operate 25 hp or less with no restriction. If more than 25 hp thru 75 hp, they must have someone at least 21 on board within reach of the controls. Over 75 hp, they cannot operate, **even with an adult on board.**
- Persons 12 - 17 years of age may operate 25 hp or less with no restriction. If over 25 hp, they must either have a Watercraft Operator's Permit, or someone at least 21 on board within reach of the controls.

**Personal Watercraft Laws**  
(PWCs, Jet Skis, etc.)

- A person under the age of 13 years may not operate a personal watercraft, even with an adult on board.
- A 13 year old operating a personal watercraft must either have someone at least 21 on board, or have a Watercraft Operator's Permit and be under visual supervision by someone at least 21.
- Persons 14 through 17 must have a Watercraft Operator's Permit, or have someone at least 21 on board.
- It is unlawful for the owner of any watercraft to permit its operation in violation of the age restrictions.
- Everyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft (PWC) must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket.
- You may only operate a PWC between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset.
- You may not travel at greater than slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of a dock, swimmer, swimming raft, moored or anchored watercraft, non-motorized watercraft or shore (unless launching or landing a skier by the most direct route to open water).
- If you tow a person on water skis or other device, there must be another person on board to act as an observer, or the PWC must be equipped with factory-installed or factory-specified accessory rearview mirrors.
- If the PWC is equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard-type cutoff switch, it must be attached to the person, life jacket or clothing of the operator when underway.
- You may not operate a PWC if the spring-loaded throttle has been removed or tampered with so it interferes with the return-to-idle system.
- You may not travel at greater than slow-no wake speed through emergent or floating vegetation.
- You may not weave through congested watercraft traffic, or jump the wake of another watercraft, within 150 feet of the other watercraft.
- You may not chase or harass wildlife.
- A PWC rules decal must be on the craft in full view of the operator.

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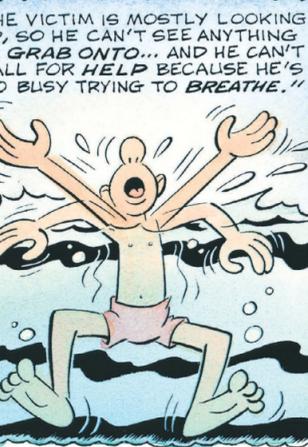
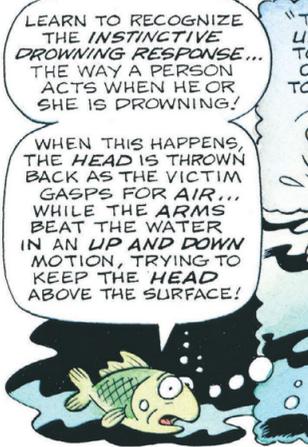
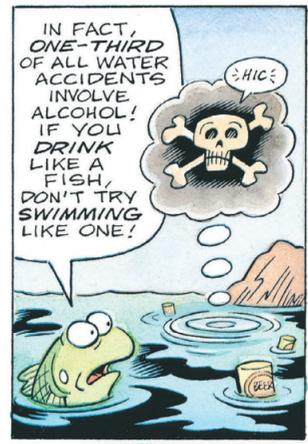
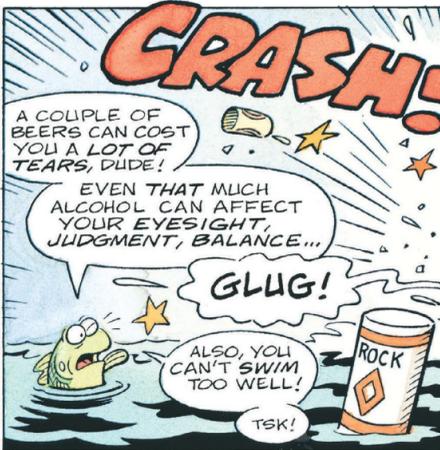
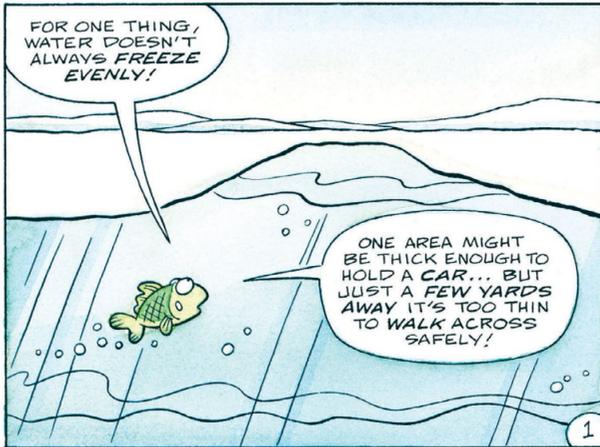
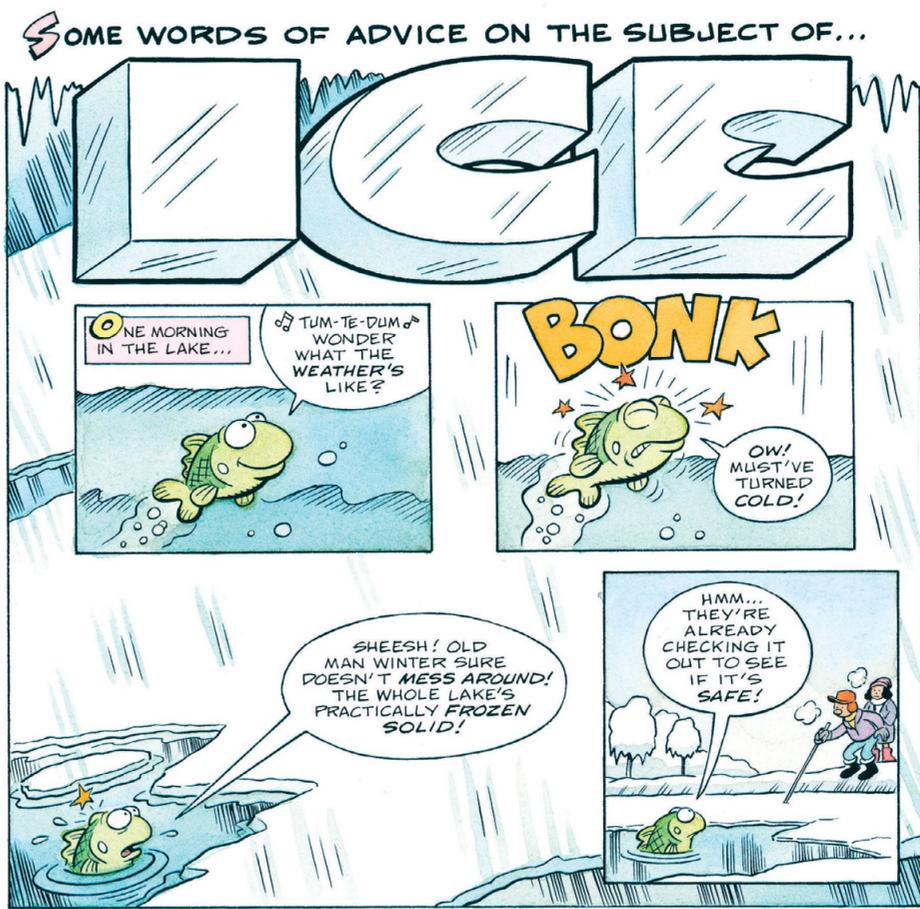
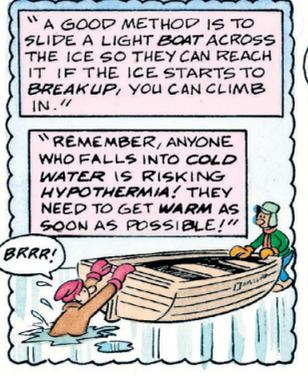
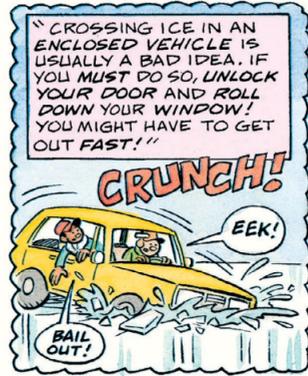
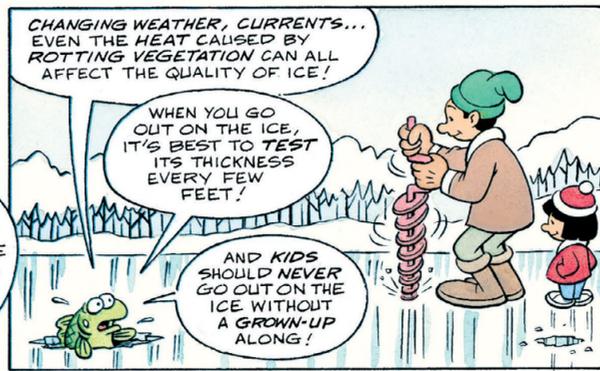
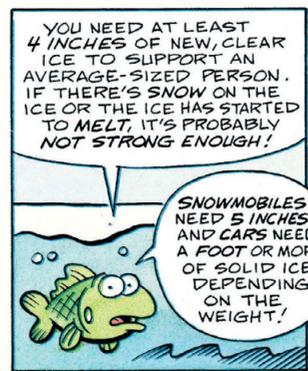
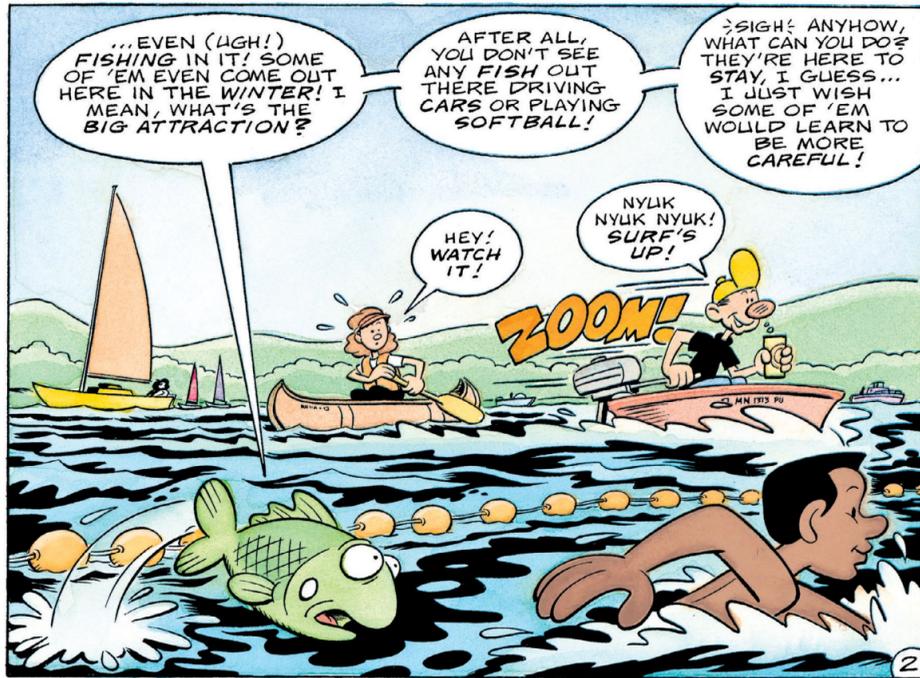
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"ONLY A TRAINED LIFEGUARD SHOULD JUMP IN TO HELP A DROWNING PERSON. TRY TO REACH THEM WITH SOMETHING... A ROPE, A BRANCH, AN OAR, OR JUST A LONG STICK. TRY TO PLACE IT DIRECTLY IN THEIR GRASP, BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE IT."

"IF THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY, THROW SOMETHING THEY CAN HANG ON TO... A LIFE PRESERVER, A COOLER, A PLASTIC JUG... ANYTHING THAT WILL FLOAT."

FOAM COOLER

"REMEMBER, THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE IT, SO GET IT AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN!"

CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED NEAR WATER WITHOUT SUPERVISION! DROWNING IS THE NUMBER TWO CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH FOR KIDS!

AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... CALL **911!**

OF COURSE, EVERYBODY SHOULD LEARN TO SWIM! PLENTY OF CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAMS AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS! \*

**SWIM WITH A BUDDY - NEVER ALONE! SWIM ONLY IN DESIGNATED SWIM AREAS!**

\* AS YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED BY NOW - CARTOON FISH ARE A GOOD DEAL SMARTER THAN REAL ONES.

NATURALLY, EVEN GOOD SWIMMERS CAN MESS UP! SOMETIMES THEY GET A LITTLE OVERCONFIDENT! THEY FORGET TO LOOK BEFORE THEY LEAP... LITERALLY!

"NEVER JUMP OR DIVE INTO WATER UNLESS YOU'RE SURE IT'S DEEP ENOUGH!"

"IF THE WATER IS TOO SHALLOW, YOU MAY HIT THE BOTTOM WITH ENOUGH FORCE TO INJURE OR BREAK YOUR SPINE!"

"IF YOU'RE LUCKY, SOMEONE MAY BE ABLE TO PULL YOU OUT BEFORE YOU DROWN... BUT WHEN YOU BECOME QUADRIPLÉGIC, LIFE IS VERY DIFFERENT."

CRACK

"COLD WATER USUALLY KILLS BY ELIMINATING YOUR ABILITY TO STAY AFLOAT LONG BEFORE HEART FAILURE FROM THE COLD DOES YOU IN! SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET OUT OF THE WATER AS FAST AS YOU CAN! IF YOUR BOAT CAPSIZES, TRY TO GET ON TOP OF IT! YOUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL IMPROVE IF YOU KEEP YOUR HEAD AND UPPER BODY ABOVE WATER!"

THIS IS NO FUN.

"DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES IF YOU FALL IN! CLOTHING TRAPS HEAT AND AIR THAT HELPS KEEP YOU AFLOAT! IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO DRESS WARMLY, IN LAYERS! MANY LIFE JACKETS, BESIDES PROVIDING FLOTATION, ALSO HELP SLOW HEAT LOSS! MANY VICTIMS OF HYPOTHERMIA WOULD HAVE LIVED IF THEY'D WORN A LIFE JACKET!"

"IF YOU'RE ADRIPT IN THE WATER BUT CAN STAY AFLOAT, YOU CAN CONSERVE HEAT BY CROSSING YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST AND CROSSING YOUR ANKLES IN THE 'HELP POSITION'\*. WITH MORE THAN ONE PERSON, YOU CAN Huddle TOGETHER FOR EXTRA WARMTH."

"A PERSON SUFFERING FROM MILD HYPOTHERMIA CAN EASILY RECOVER WITH PROPER CARE! TAKE OFF ANY WET CLOTHING AND WRAP THE VICTIM WARMLY, TAKING CARE TO COVER THE HEAD AND NECK - AREAS OF MAXIMUM HEAT LOSS! WARM, SWEET LIQUIDS WILL ALSO HELP RESTORE VITAL BODY HEAT... BUT NO ALCOHOL! ALCOHOL IS A DEPRESSANT AND WILL ACTUALLY LOWER THE BODY TEMPERATURE!"

NOT EXACTLY HOW I PLANNED TO SPEND MY DAY OFF!

OKAY, WHO HAD THE PASTRAMI?

N-NEXT YEAR LET'S TRY HAWAII!

G-G-GOOD IDEA!

\* IN SEVERE CASES, THE VICTIM MAY BE REVIVED THROUGH CPR (CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION). KEEP THEM WARM AND GET MEDICAL HELP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... CALL **911!**

YOU CAN HAVE FUN ON THE WATER SAFELY ALL YEAR LONG IF YOU'RE PREPARED AND BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY! NOBODY HAS TO GET HURT OUT HERE!

SAY! WHAT'S THIS?

SO! DAD AND JUNIOR AGAIN!

TRY TO CATCH ME, WILL THEY?

I'LL SHOW 'EM I'VE GOT JUST THE THING!

SPLASH!

\* HEAT ESCAPE LESSENING POSTURE

OH, BOY! GOT A BIG ONE THIS TIME!

TUG TUG

NO FISHING

FOR A FISH, I HAVE A PRETTY DRY SENSE OF HUMOR!

"WHEN YOU FALL INTO COLD WATER, YOUR FIRST REACTION IS A SHARP GASP FOR BREATH... BAD NEWS IF YOU GO IN HEAD FIRST! AS YOUR BODY BEGINS TO LOSE HEAT, BLOOD FLOW TO THE ARMS AND LEGS IS RESTRICTED AS THE BODY TRIES TO CONSERVE HEAT FOR THE 'BODY CORE'... THE BRAIN AND VITAL ORGANS!"

"YOU BEGIN TO SHIVER AS THE BODY TRIES TO WARM UP, BUT IN WATER THIS ONLY MAKES YOU LOSE HEAT FASTER! AS THE BODY BEGINS TO SHUT DOWN NON-VITAL FUNCTIONS, YOUR ARMS AND LEGS LOSE STRENGTH AND COORDINATION! SOON YOUR SWIMMING ABILITY WILL BE SO IMPAIRED YOU MAY BE UNABLE TO KEEP YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER AND AVOID DROWNING!"

"EVEN IF YOU CAN STAY AFLOAT, YOUR BODY TEMPERATURE WILL CONTINUE TO DROP! IF IT FALLS BELOW 36°, YOU WILL LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS AND YOUR HEART MAY FAIL! IF YOU REMAIN IN THE WATER OR DO NOT RECEIVE PROPER TREATMENT IN TIME, YOUR BODY'S CORE TEMPERATURE MAY FALL BELOW 70° - RESULTING IN DEATH."

BY "COLD" I MEAN ABOUT 50 DEGREES!

OH, SURE! THAT DOESN'T SOUND COLD! 50 DEGREES IS JACKET WEATHER, RIGHT?

BUT 50° ON DRY LAND IS ONE THING... HM! BIT OF A NIP IN THE AIR!

"50° IN THE WATER IS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN! WATER CONDUCTS HEAT AWAY FROM THE BODY 25 TIMES FASTER THAN AIR!"

I-I'M F-F-FREEZING!

HUMAN BEINGS ARE WARM-BLOODED, WITH AN AVERAGE BODY TEMPERATURE OF ABOUT 98.6° FAHRENHEIT! IN COLD WATER - 70° OR LESS - THE BODY LOSES HEAT FAST! THAT'S WHEN AN UNEXPECTED PLUNGE IS MOST DANGEROUS... BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU CAN STAY AFLOAT AND KEEP BREATHING YOU RUN THE RISK OF...

**HYPOTHERMIA!**

"HYPOTHERMIA MEANS YOUR BODY IS LOSING HEAT FASTER THAN IT CAN PRODUCE HEAT! HYPOTHERMIA CAUSES AS MANY AS 30 PERCENT OF ALL MINNESOTA BOATING DEATHS!"

BRRR!

"IN COLD WATER (LESS THAN 70°) IT CAN OCCUR IN A FEW MINUTES!"

EVEN ON A WARM DAY, THE WATER MAY BE TOO COLD FOR SAFETY DUE TO THIS RAPID HEAT LOSS!

"NEVER JUMP OR DIVE INTO WATER UNLESS YOU'RE SURE IT'S DEEP ENOUGH!"

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CRACK

BUT AS I WAS SAYING BEFORE... MOST DROWNING VICTIMS DON'T JUMP IN... THEY FALL IN!

LIKE OUR FRIEND FROM PAGE ONE HERE... LOOKS LIKE HE'S READY TO TRY AGAIN!

I SEE HE LIGHTENED HIS LOAD... AND HE LEFT THE BEER AT HOME THIS TIME!

Y'KNOW, MOST FATAL BOATING ACCIDENTS OCCUR WHEN BOATS CAPSIZE OR SOMEONE JUST FALLS OUT WITHOUT A LIFE JACKET! THIS GUY WAS WEARING ONE, SO HE JUST GOT A LITTLE WET!

GUESS HE'S NOT AS DUMB AS HE LOOKS!

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A GOOD SWIMMER DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T NEED TO WEAR A LIFE JACKET. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED IN BOATING ACCIDENTS KNEW HOW TO SWIM, BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO SAVE THEIR LIVES!

THERE ARE FIVE TYPES OF U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKETS.

EACH TYPE OF LIFE JACKET IS DESIGNED FOR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES:

**TYPE I**  
"OFFSHORE LIFE JACKET" - USUALLY FOUND ON COMMERCIAL VESSELS. TURNS MOST UNCONSCIOUS VICTIMS TO A FACE UP POSITION.

**TYPE II**  
"NEAR-SHORE BUOYANT VEST" - SIMILAR TO TYPE I BUT WON'T TURN AS MANY PEOPLE FACE UP. INEXPENSIVE, BUT LITTLE PROTECTION FROM HEAT LOSS IN COLD WATER.

**TYPE III**  
"FLOTATION AID" - COMES IN LOTS OF COLORS AND STYLES. WILL FLOAT A CONSCIOUS PERSON FACE UP. THE BEST COLD WATER PROTECTION.

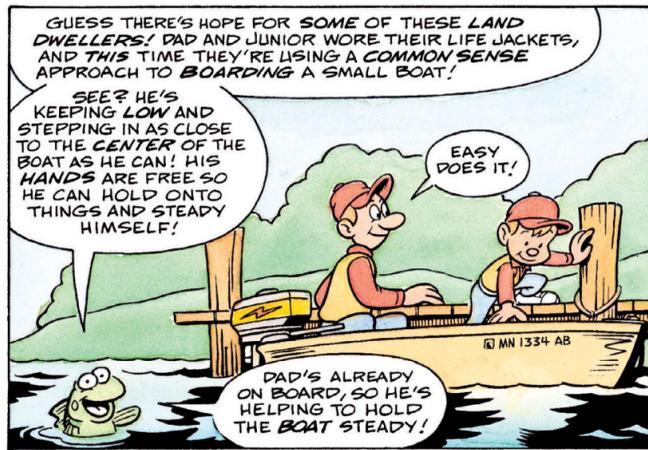
**TYPE IV**  
"THROWABLE DEVICE" - MEANT TO BE THROWN TO VICTIM IN WATER. NEVER WEAR A FLOTATION CUSHION ON YOUR BACK! IT COULD TURN YOU FACE DOWN.

**TYPE V**  
"SPECIAL USE DEVICE" - FOR SPECIAL USES LIKE SAILBOARDING OR WHITewater CANOEING.

BE SURE YOUR LIFE JACKET HAS THE "U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED" LABEL ATTACHED INSIDE AND IS THE CORRECT SIZE! LIFE JACKETS DON'T LAST FOREVER, SO BE SURE TO CHECK THE SEAMS, STRAPS, ZIPPERS AND BUCKLES EVERY SEASON. IF THE LIFE JACKET LEAKS AIR OR FEELS HARD, THROW IT AWAY!

IT'S TOO LATE TO PUT ON A LIFE JACKET AFTER YOU'VE FALLEN IN! IT WOULD BE LIKE TRYING TO PUT ON A SEATBELT DURING A CAR CRASH!

FUNNY THING ABOUT THESE GIZMOS... THEY DON'T WORK IF YOU DON'T WEAR THEM!



GUESS THERE'S HOPE FOR SOME OF THESE LAND DWELLERS! DAD AND JUNIOR WORE THEIR LIFE JACKETS, AND THIS TIME THEY'RE USING A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO BOARDING A SMALL BOAT!

SEE? HE'S KEEPING LOW AND STEPPING IN AS CLOSE TO THE CENTER OF THE BOAT AS HE CAN! HIS HANDS ARE FREE SO HE CAN HOLD ON TO THINGS AND STEADY HIMSELF!

EASY DOES IT!

DAD'S ALREADY ON BOARD, SO HE'S HELPING TO HOLD THE BOAT STEADY!



NEVER STEP ON THE EDGE OF A SMALL BOAT! YOU CAN EASILY CAPSIZE!

AND NEVER JUMP INTO A BOAT! IT MAY ROLL OR SKID AWAY AND YOU'LL WIND UP TAKING AN UNSCHEDULED SWIM!



LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SAFELY UNDERWAY! I THINK I'LL CHECK OUT THE TRAFFIC SITUATION!

SHEESH!



WELL... AT LEAST DAD AND JUNIOR WON'T GET LONELY!

Y'KNOW, THOUSANDS OF NEW BOATS HIT THE WATER EVERY YEAR! ADD TO THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SAILBOARDS, WATER SKIERS AND SWIMMERS AND SOMETIMES IT CAN BE A REAL ZOO!

NO WONDER COLLISIONS ARE THE MOST COMMON NON-FATAL BOAT ACCIDENTS!



DAD! I GOT ANOTHER ONE!

ME TOO! THEY'RE REALLY BITING TODAY!

CRIPES! IT'S A MASSACRE!

DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S TOO MUCH VIOLENCE IN COMIC BOOKS?

MY NERVES CAN'T TAKE MUCH OF THIS! I THINK I'LL GO OBSERVE SOME ACTIVITY THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE FISHHOOKS!

WOW! ANOTHER ONE!



AH! WATER SKIING! A NICE, SAFE SPORT!

IF I HAD HANDS AND FEET, I MIGHT TRY IT MYSELF!

SHE WANTS TO TURN RIGHT!



OF COURSE, IT'S ONLY SAFE IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

FIRST, YOU NEED THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT AND PLENTY OF ROOM! IT ALSO HELPS TO BE A GOOD SWIMMER AND LEARN FROM A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR!

A LOT DEPENDS ON YOUR TOW BOAT OPERATOR, TOO! THIS GUY HAS AN OBSERVER ON BOARD SO HE CAN CONCENTRATE MORE ON HIS DRIVING!



OOPS!

I ZIGGED WHEN I SHOULD'VE ZAGGED!

BUT EVEN AN EXPERIENCED SKIER WITH A CAREFUL, CONSCIENTIOUS TOW BOAT OPERATOR CAN SOMETIMES TAKE A SPILL...

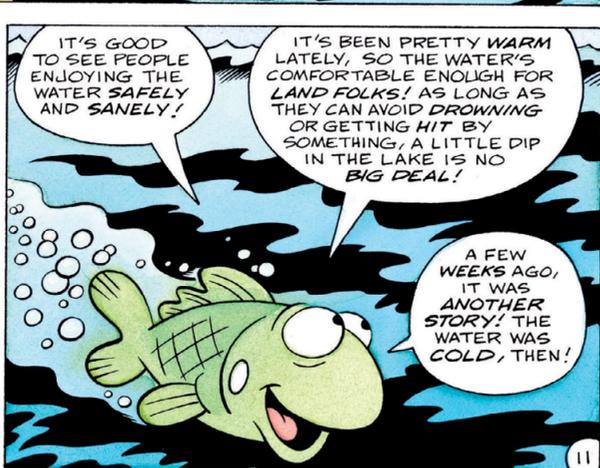
SWIMS PRETTY FAST, DOESN'T HE?



... AND THAT'S WHEN A LIFE JACKET CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED LIFE JACKETS!

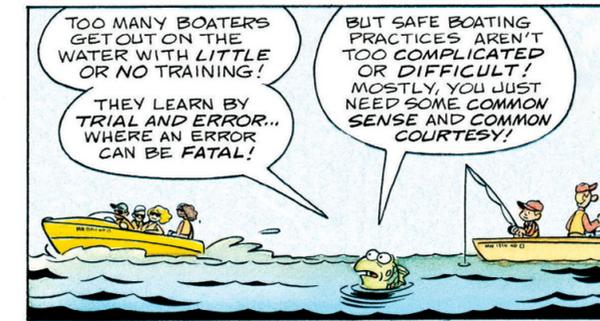
SHE'S OKAY!



IT'S GOOD TO SEE PEOPLE ENJOYING THE WATER SAFELY AND SANELY!

IT'S BEEN PRETTY WARM LATELY, SO THE WATER'S COMFORTABLE ENOUGH FOR LAND FOLKS! AS LONG AS THEY CAN AVOID DROWNING OR GETTING HIT BY SOMETHING, A LITTLE DIP IN THE LAKE IS NO BIG DEAL!

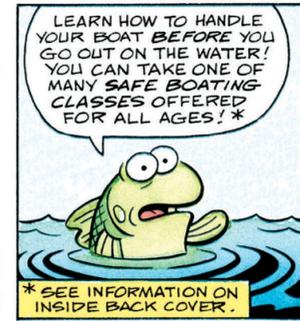
A FEW WEEKS AGO, IT WAS ANOTHER STORY! THE WATER WAS COLD, THEN!



TOO MANY BOATERS GET OUT ON THE WATER WITH LITTLE OR NO TRAINING!

THEY LEARN BY TRIAL AND ERROR... WHERE AN ERROR CAN BE FATAL!

BUT SAFE BOATING PRACTICES AREN'T TOO COMPLICATED OR DIFFICULT! MOSTLY, YOU JUST NEED SOME COMMON SENSE AND COMMON COURTESY!

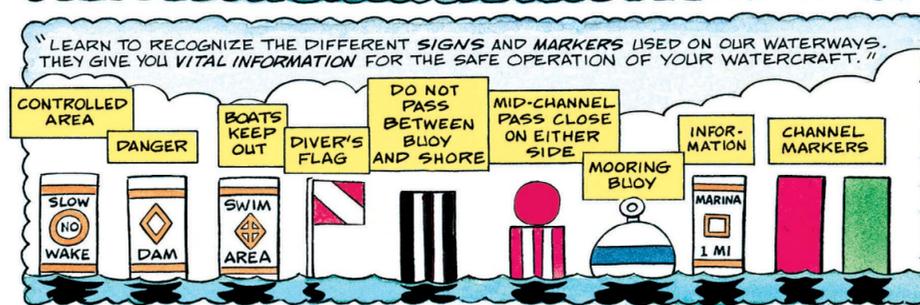


LEARN HOW TO HANDLE YOUR BOAT BEFORE YOU GO OUT ON THE WATER! YOU CAN TAKE ONE OF MANY SAFE BOATING CLASSES OFFERED FOR ALL AGES! \*

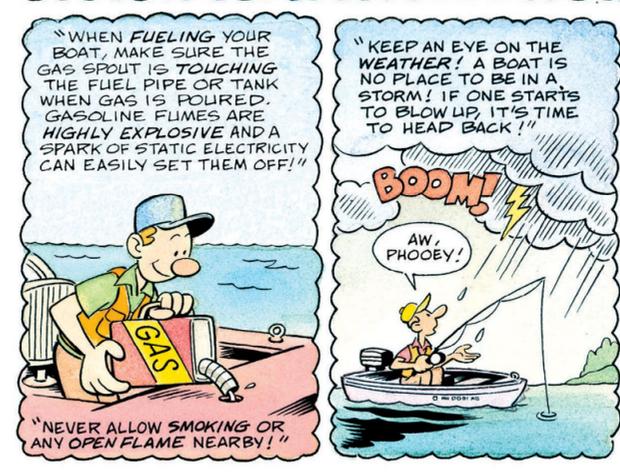
\* SEE INFORMATION ON INSIDE BACK COVER.



"BOATS MEETING HEAD-ON USUALLY MUST PASS EACH OTHER ON THE PORT (LEFT) SIDE, EXCEPT WHEN PASSING, NON-MOTORIZED BOATS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER MOTORIZED BOATS, AND WHEN BOATING AFTER SUNSET, BE SURE TO USE YOUR RUNNING LIGHTS!"

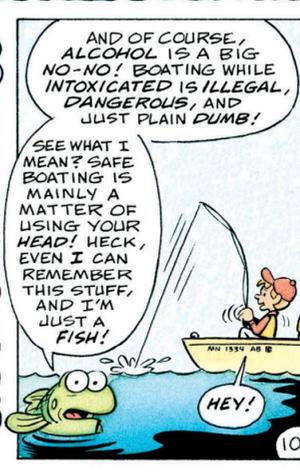


"LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENT SIGNS AND MARKERS USED ON OUR WATERWAYS. THEY GIVE YOU VITAL INFORMATION FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF YOUR WATERCRAFT."



"WHEN FUELING YOUR BOAT, MAKE SURE THE GAS SPOUT IS TOUCHING THE FUEL PIPE OR TANK WHEN GAS IS POURED. GASOLINE FLAMES ARE HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE AND A SPARK OF STATIC ELECTRICITY CAN EASILY SET THEM OFF!"

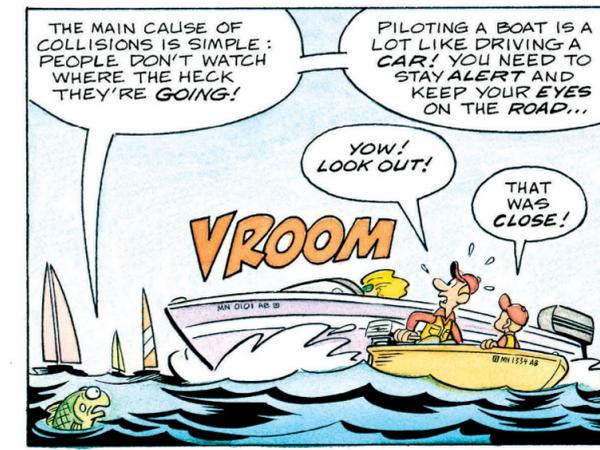
"NEVER ALLOW SMOKING OR ANY OPEN FLAME NEARBY!"



"KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER! A BOAT IS NO PLACE TO BE IN A STORM! IF ONE STARTS TO BLOW UP, IT'S TIME TO HEAD BACK!"

AND OF COURSE, ALCOHOL IS A BIG NO-NO! BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED IS ILLEGAL, DANGEROUS, AND JUST PLAIN DUMB!

SEE WHAT I MEAN? SAFE BOATING IS MAINLY A MATTER OF USING YOUR HEAD! HECK, EVEN I CAN REMEMBER THIS STUFF, AND I'M JUST A FISH!



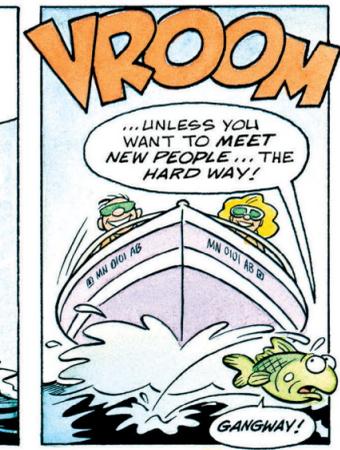
THE MAIN CAUSE OF COLLISIONS IS SIMPLE: PEOPLE DON'T WATCH WHERE THE HECK THEY'RE GOING!

PILOTING A BOAT IS A LOT LIKE DRIVING A CAR! YOU NEED TO STAY ALERT AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD...

VROOM

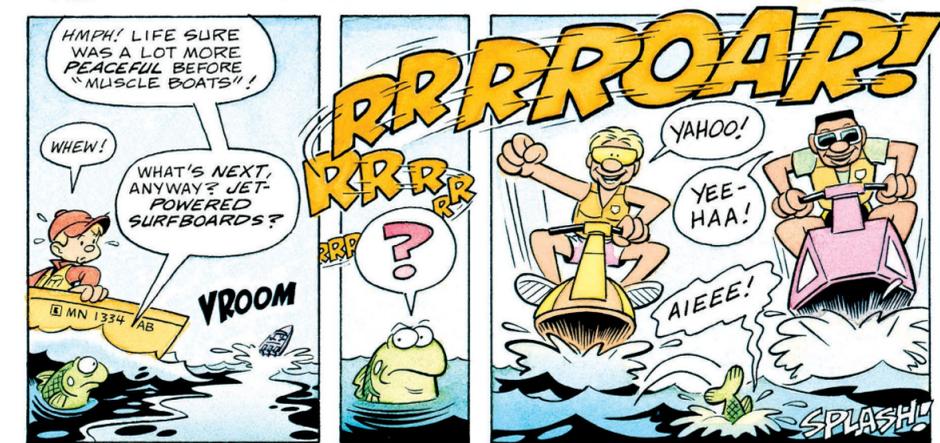
YOW! LOOK OUT!

THAT WAS CLOSE!



... UNLESS YOU WANT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE... THE HARD WAY!

GANGWAY!



HMPH! LIFE SURE WAS A LOT MORE PEACEFUL BEFORE "MUSCLE BOATS"!

WHEW!

WHAT'S NEXT, ANYWAY? JET-POWERED SURFBOARDS?



RRRRROAR!

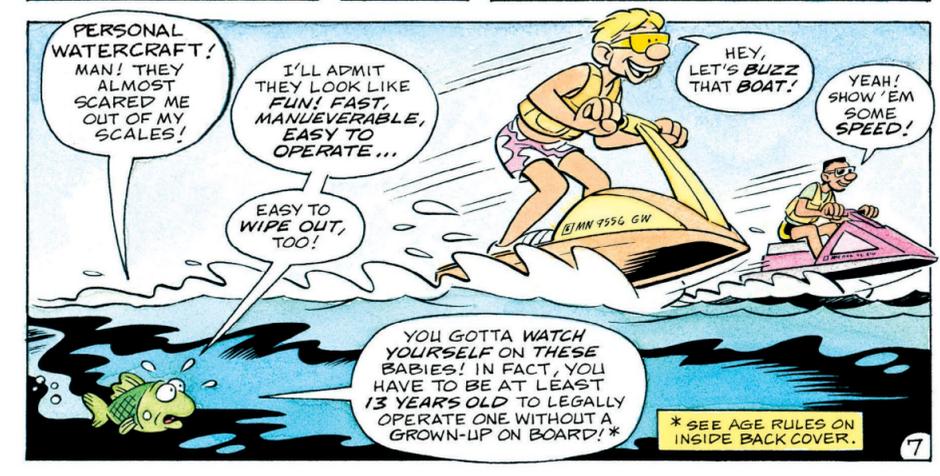
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YAHOO!

YEE-HAA!

AIEEE!

SPLASH!



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT! MAN! THEY ALMOST SCARED ME OUT OF MY SCALES!

I'LL ADMIT THEY LOOK LIKE FUN! FAST, MANUEVERABLE, EASY TO OPERATE...

EASY TO WIPE OUT, TOO!

YOU GOTTA WATCH YOURSELF ON THESE BABIES! IN FACT, YOU HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD TO LEGALLY OPERATE ONE WITHOUT A GROWN-UP ON BOARD! \*

\* SEE AGE RULES ON INSIDE BACK COVER.

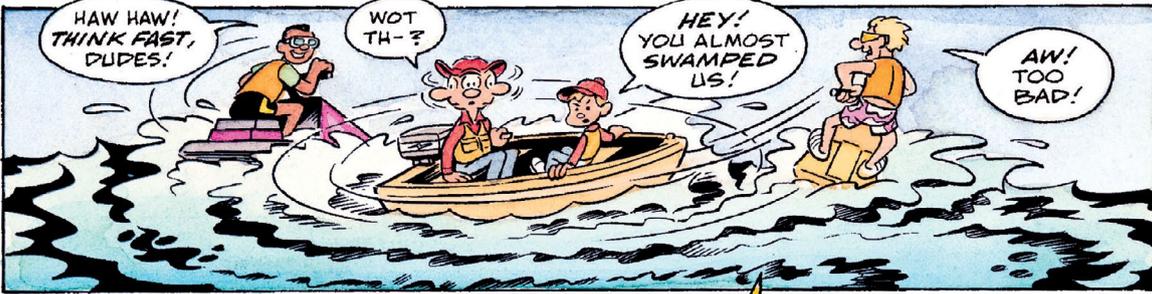


"BUZZ THAT BOAT"!? HEY, HOLD ON, YOU GUYS! FUN'S FUN, BUT—

WARD FACTOR TEN, SCOTTY!

LIKE, AFFIRMATIVE CAP'N!

COOL!

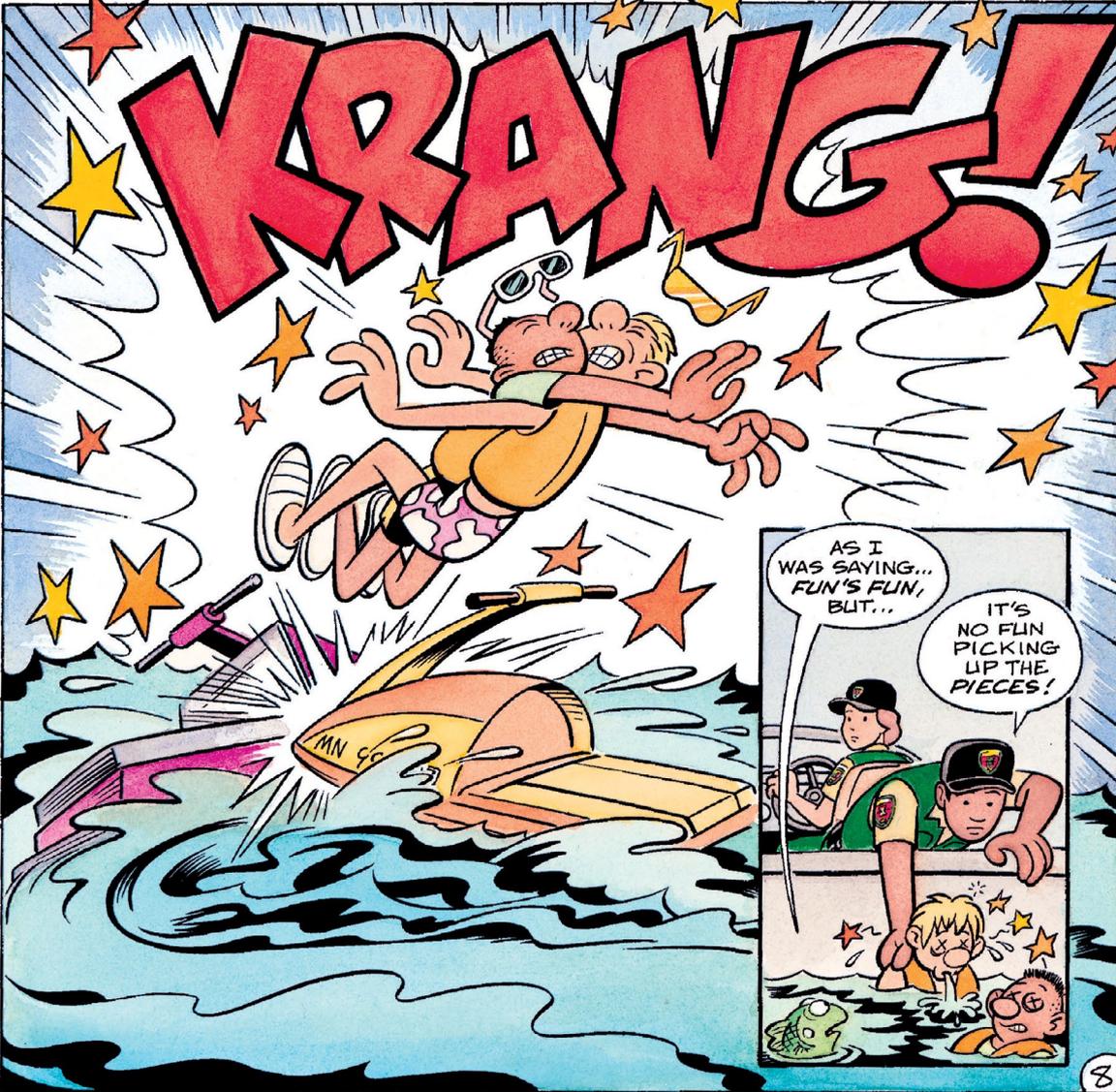


HAW HAW! THINK FAST, DUDES!

WOT TH-?

HEY! YOU ALMOST SWAMPED US!

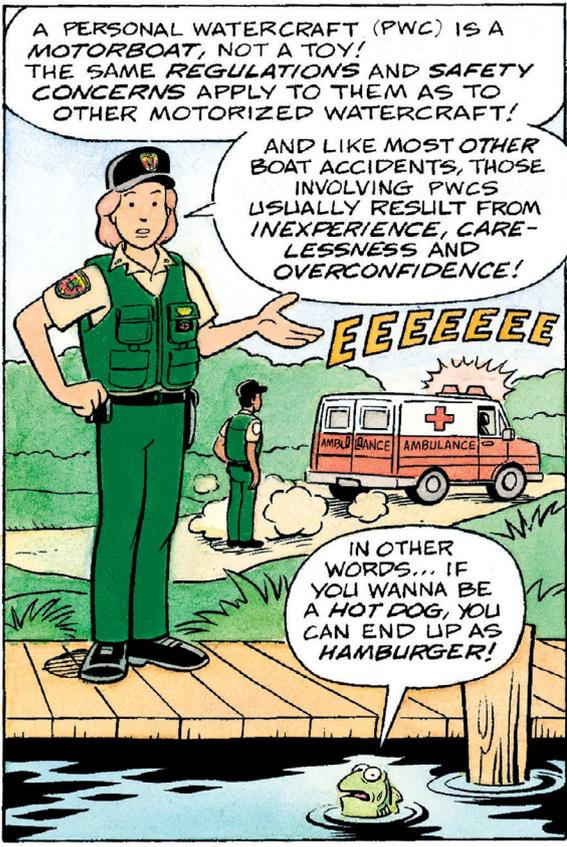
AW! TOO BAD!



# KRANG!

AS I WAS SAYING... FUN'S FUN, BUT...

IT'S NO FUN PICKING UP THE PIECES!



A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) IS A MOTORBOAT, NOT A TOY! THE SAME REGULATIONS AND SAFETY CONCERNS APPLY TO THEM AS TO OTHER MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT!

AND LIKE MOST OTHER BOAT ACCIDENTS, THOSE INVOLVING PWCs USUALLY RESULT FROM INEXPERIENCE, CARELESSNESS AND OVERCONFIDENCE!

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IN OTHER WORDS... IF YOU WANNA BE A HOT DOG, YOU CAN END UP AS HAMBURGER!



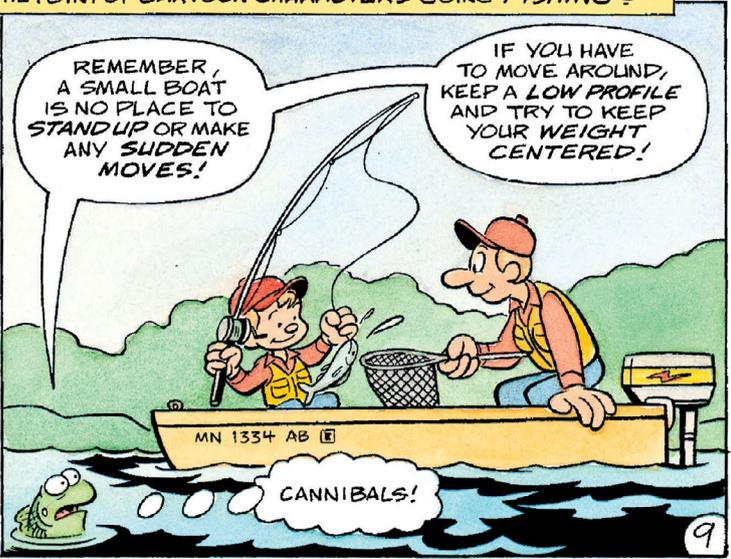
OH! LOOKS LIKE THEY FINALLY FOUND A PEACEFUL SPOT FOR A LITTLE FISHING!

UH... I'LL JUST SORTA QUIETLY WATCH FROM OVER HERE FOR A WHILE!

\*OF COURSE, NOT ALL CARTOON FISH ARE AS INTELLIGENT AS OUR SPOKESFISH, HERE. OTHERWISE, WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT OF CARTOON CHARACTERS GOING FISHING?



WOW! THAT'S A BEAUTY! HANG ON- I'LL GET THE NET!



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

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

CANNIBALS!

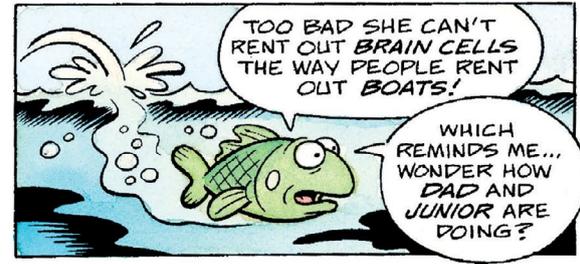


KIDS NEED A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT\* TO OPERATE MANY KINDS OF BOATS. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A SLOW-NO WAKE SPEED AROUND DOCKS, SHORELINES, SWIMMERS, AND STATIONARY OR NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT!

AND ABOVE ALL... YOU MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET!

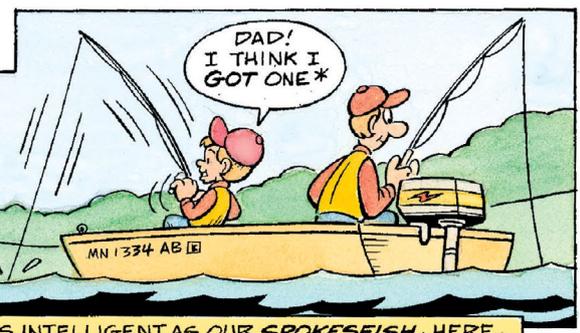
PRETTY SMART... FOR A HUMAN.

\*SEE INSIDE BACK COVER FOR INFO.



TOO BAD SHE CAN'T RENT OUT BRAIN CELLS THE WAY PEOPLE RENT OUT BOATS!

WHICH REMINDS ME... WONDER HOW DAD AND JUNIOR ARE DOING?



DAD! I THINK I GOT ONE\*

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