

The Boat Owner's Complete Guide to Navigation and Collision Avoidance

Master the Art of Safe and Efficient Boating

Embark on a journey of confidence and competence with "The Boat Owner's Complete Guide to Navigation and Collision Avoidance." This indispensable resource empowers you with the knowledge and skills to navigate the waterways with precision and avoid potential hazards, ensuring a stress-free and enjoyable boating experience.



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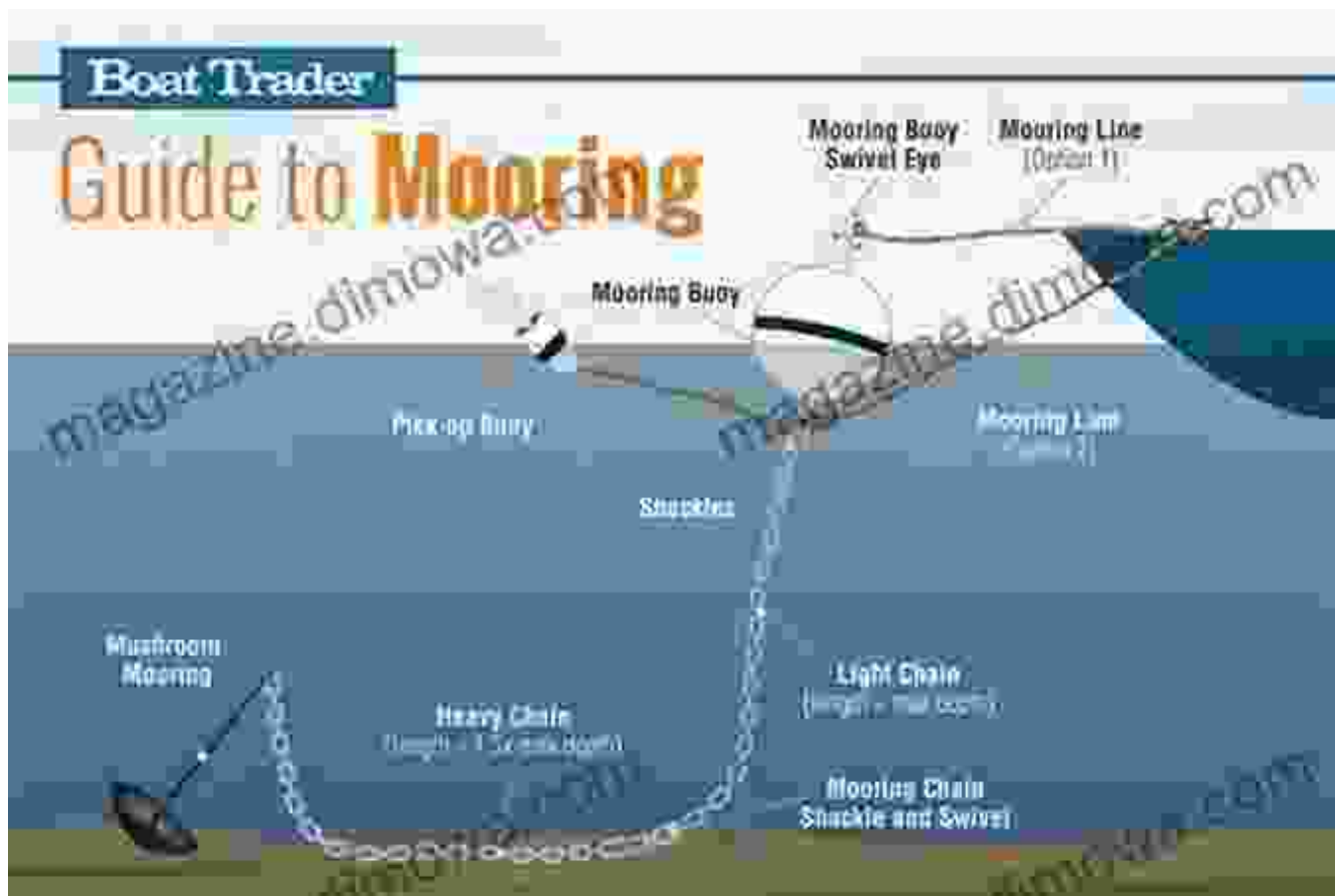
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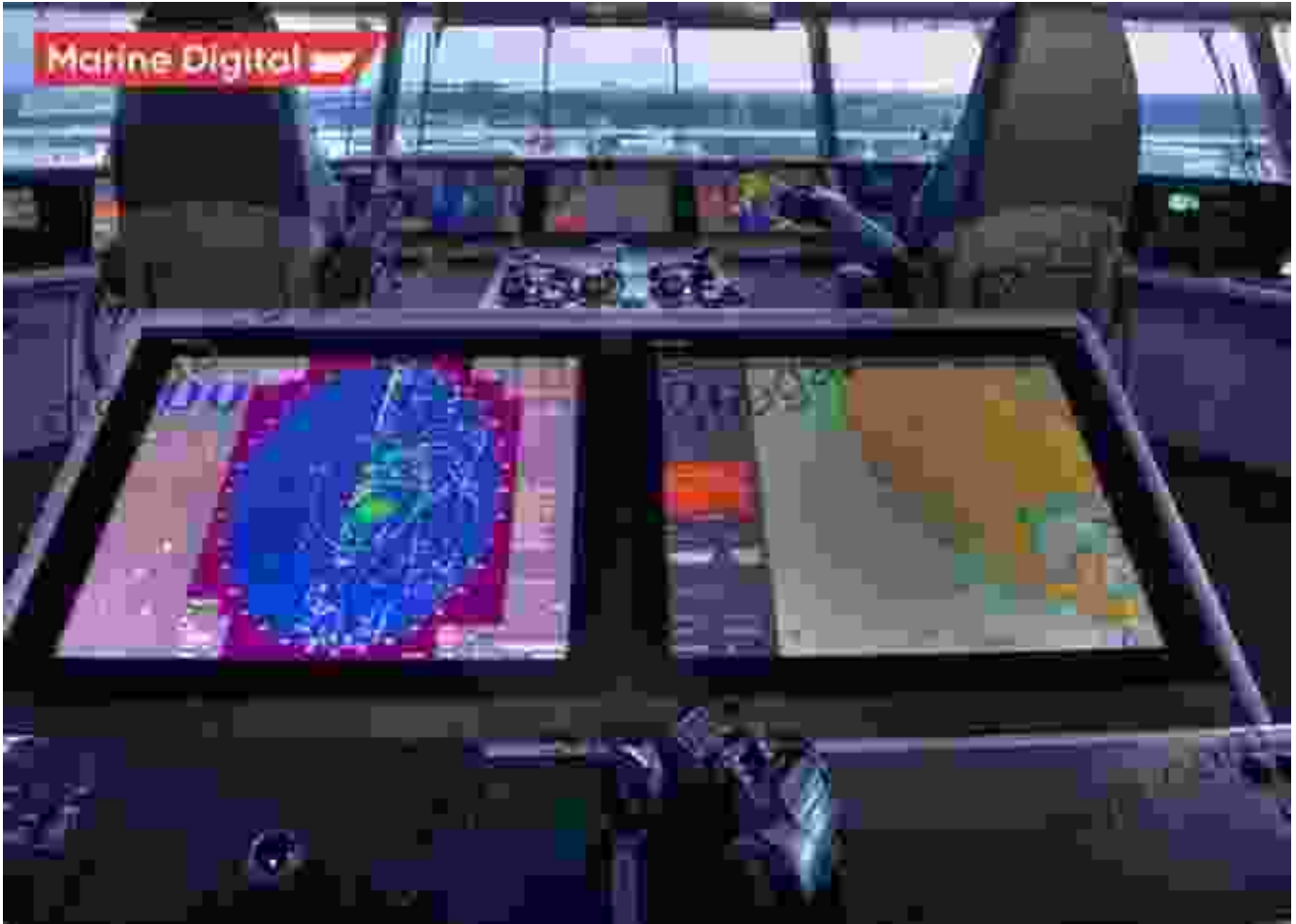
Charts are the roadmaps of the marine world, providing vital information about depths, hazards, and landmarks. Our expert guide teaches you how

to interpret these charts effectively, enabling you to plan your course with confidence.



Situational Awareness: Seeing the Big Picture

Beyond chart reading, situational awareness is crucial for safe boating. Learn how to observe your surroundings, identify potential risks, and make informed decisions to prevent collisions.



Risk Assessment: Identifying and Mitigating Hazards

Risk assessment is the key to proactive collision avoidance. Our guide provides a systematic approach to evaluating potential hazards and implementing appropriate mitigation strategies.



Night Navigation: Illuminating the Darkness

Night boating presents unique challenges. Learn the techniques for navigating safely in low-light conditions, including using night vision equipment and interpreting radar data.



Emergency Procedures: Responding to the Unexpected

Even the most experienced boaters can encounter unexpected situations. Our guide covers essential emergency procedures, such as man overboard recovery and anchoring in adverse conditions.

Boat Safety tips

In 2008, there were 4,788 reported boat accidents across the country resulting in 709 deaths and 2,327 injuries. Here are some facts and tips from the Coast Guard to help you and your family stay safe on the water.

90 PERCENT

of fatal boating accidents were preventable.

10 PERCENT

of fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had received safety training.

+66

of all boat accidents occurred on the water.

Before the season starts

Make your watercraft safe by arranging with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for a courtesy vessel inspection. Call 202-857-2187 in the Kenosha area for all other information.

Before you leave the dock

Check a boat's checklist and run through it before embarking. Have a life jacket (personal flotation device, PFD) for each person on board. By law, children 12 and under must be wearing a life jacket staff flyer. Review emergency procedures with all passengers.

Once under way

Never drink alcohol and pilot a boat; it is illegal and carries a hefty fine. Alcohol is the leading factor in deadly boating accidents. Maintain a safe speed, be aware of other boaters and swimmers. Know the right-of-way rules on the water. Be familiar with the water you are navigating.

Be smart

The top five contributing factors in boat accidents are careless or reckless operation, operating under the influence of alcohol, operator inexperience and improper passenger or crew behavior.

Be prepared and informed

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers affordable ABC-Safe boating classes throughout the state. The nine-hour classes are held over three sessions, include in-depth training on safety gear and boat safety topics. Wisconsin OMBT boats are more than this season starting June 15. The course will qualify the attendee to operate a PWC without adult supervision for ages 12-18 and a PWC from Jan. 1, 1988 (this is a new rule in Wisconsin this year). The classes are then repeated bi-monthly from 6-9 p.m. at Quaker Mountain in Kenosha. Course registration is \$40.00. More info can be made by calling 262-682-4639.



Throwable PFD
Must have at least one approved PFD on board and easily accessible.



Sound producing device
Must carry a horn, whistle or bell on board.



Fire extinguisher
Fire extinguishers are required on all boats.



Life vest (PFD)
One for each person on board. Children 12 and under must be wearing life vest at all times.



Visible Distress Signal (VDS)
Must have on board a light producing (for night time) and one daytime signal (for day time). Example: Daytime flare (smoke) night time flashlight.

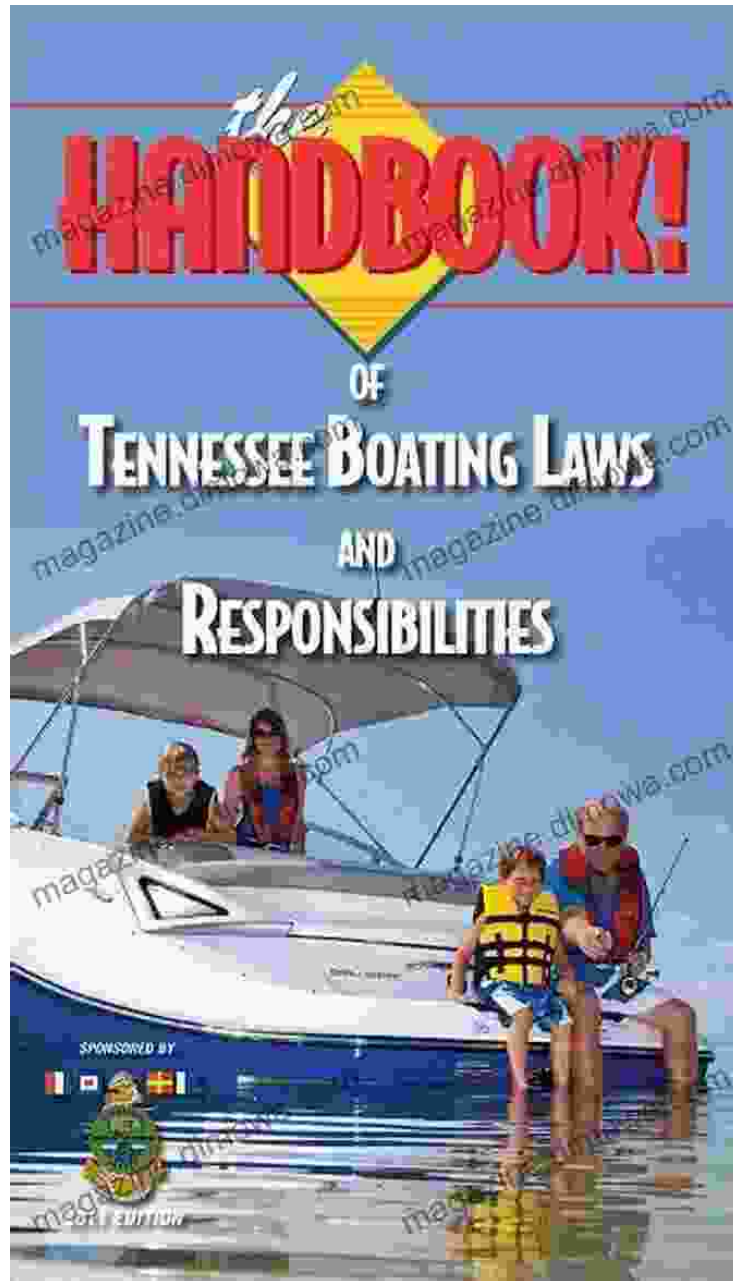
Registration stickers
By law, the Wisconsin and National stickers must be affixed to floor of boat.

On board safety checklist



Legal Responsibilities: Understanding the Rules of the Road

Stay informed about the legal requirements and regulations governing boating. Our guide provides a clear understanding of the rules of the road, including navigation lights, sound signals, and right-of-way.

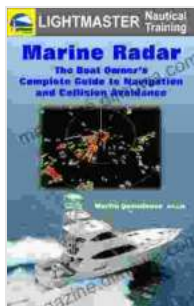


: Embracing Confidence and Safety

"The Boat Owner's Complete Guide to Navigation and Collision Avoidance" is the ultimate companion for boaters of all levels. By mastering the principles outlined in this guide, you will gain the confidence and skills to navigate the waterways safely and efficiently, maximizing your enjoyment of the boating experience.

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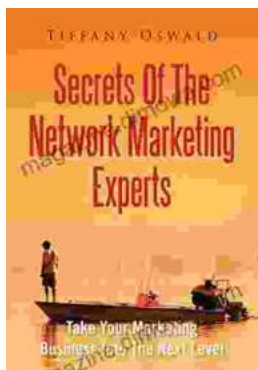
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