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Boating Season Is Here!

Summer is here and so is boating season. Did you know that over 82 million Americans participate in recreational boating? In fact, there are approximately 13 million boats registered in the U.S., and many more people participate in other types of water sports including kayaking, canoeing, and jet skiing. Over the past five years, the number of individuals participating in paddle sport activity has grown tremendously, with about 18 million people enjoying these activities.

While water sports are a great part of summer fun, it's important to remember some basic safety rules to prevent accidents and fatalities. Whether you're a seasoned boater or a beginner, a boat owner or a weekend guest we'd like to point out a few reminders to keep you safe out on the water:

- **Know your state's laws for boat registration and licensing requirements and make sure you take an approved safety course**
- **Wear a life jacket – don't stow it! Get a USCG approved PFD and wear it as instructed just in case**
- **Follow safe boating practices for your specific type of watercraft and know the body of water in which you'll be operating. Keep an eye opened for sudden changes in weather conditions!**
- **Alcohol and boating do not mix! Boating under the influence is dangerous and illegal!**
- **Check out www.uscgboating.org for additional safety tips and valuable Information about boats and boaters**

Whether you own a jet ski, small runabout, sailboat, or yacht, Mintz Girgan & Brightly can assist you in obtaining proper coverage for your watercraft at a competitive price. Contact us today for a quote!

Have a safe and happy summer!



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