Prevent Drownings: Use Life Jackets

If you plan to swim, ride in a boat, canoe, or other water vehicle, take a minute to protect yourself and others from drowning.

Put on a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Make sure all passengers put on a life jacket, regardless of distance to be traveled, size of boat, or swimming ability of boaters.

Do not use air-filled or foam toys, such as water wings, noodles, or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets. These toys are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

And don't drink while boating. Alcohol is involved in about 1/3 of all recreational boating fatalities.