

GLOSSARY

Important words every boater should know

AFLOAT: floating in water, not sinking

ANCHOR: a mechanical device that prevents a vessel from moving

BUOYANCY: the ability to float in water

CAPTAIN: the person in command of the ship

DISTRESS FLAG: an internationally recognized means for obtaining help

FIRST AID KIT: a collection of supplies and equipment used to give medical treatment

FLASHLIGHT: a battery-operated portable light

GPS: (Global Positioning System) A radio navigation system that allows land, sea, and airborne users to determine exact location, speed, and time.

PFD: (Personal Flotation Device) Another name for a life jacket.

SUNBLOCK: cream or lotion for protecting the skin from the sun and preventing sunburn

WATER: includes oceans, lakes, pools, and ponds

WATERCRAFT: a boat or vessel that travels on water

