



June Tip of the Month

Water Safety

With warmer weather on the horizon, more people will be taking to the Northwest's waters. It is important to know some basic safety guidelines before you hit the water!

Remember before you dive in:



- **Rivers are often high and swift from rains and snow melt and can overwhelm even the strongest swimmers**
- **Water that is warm on the surface may still be much colder below and hypothermia can set in quickly**
- **Always wear a life vest that fits you correctly when in a boat, canoe, or kayak**
- **Do not overload boats or canoes with too many people or too much gear**

Even the best water enthusiasts can misjudge changing water conditions when boating or swimming.

Check for any advisories when making your plans.

All boaters must obtain a Boater Education Card from the Washington State Parks before operating a boat. For more information, please visit www.boatus.org



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