

Boating Safety Tips

Boating will be a welcome refuge from long and hot summer days for many North Carolinians. New waves of skippers mean that North Carolina's lakes, rivers and coastal waters will be teeming with a wide variety of watercraft; everything from bass-boats to cabin cruisers and classy auxiliary-powered sailboats.

Unfortunately, the rise in the number of boating enthusiasts has been paralleled by an increase in the number of boating accidents, according to the Insurance Information Institute. In North Carolina during 1978, 149 accidents were reported to the Coast Guard. These accidents resulted in 41 deaths, injury to 37 persons and \$291,900 in property damage. The number of boating accidents involving injuries or property damage actually was much higher. A study has shown however that less than 10 per cent of boating accidents are reported to the Coast Guard.

Before setting out, -Check for faulty engine, fuel, electrical and steering systems, especially for

Game Is Forfeited

The Edenton Little League All-Stars received a forfeit from the Elizabeth City All-Stars in baseball action, Monday night.

On Wednesday night the Edenton All-Stars saw action at Davis Field in Windsor for the district championship. Their opponent was winner of the Ahoskie and Windsor contest.

Letter To The Editor

There is no weekly paper in all Eastern North Carolina that we as a minority consider any better than our own weekly Chowan Herald. I have read this interesting paper from its beginning, when the Sachells and others came to this town and began in their effort and with great struggle, to give these kind and dear people here something newsy to read.

It has won our hearts so much so, that we all love it, and will not do without it, no matter what the cost, because we feel too deeply interwoven with it. We read every part of this weekly, and in your reply to the Mayor's letter in this past weeks issue, Public Parade column has caught our attention, which we, as a minority group consider somewhat a scurrilous dig that we could not overlook. I quote "I am delighted to learn that you read the local paper. It was doubtful for a time, appearing that you spent your time listening to others. "We Shall Overcome" or "How Great Thou Art". Of course, any one who could take time to meditate daily upon these words should be greatly inspired, and I am certain that the mayor gains strength from this practice.

We are not grabbing at every sly expression made about our group so many times in the news media but in this instance, your reference to "We Shall Overcome" etc. gives us cause to be hurt and we don't mind letting you know how deeply, even though the fascination of it should have great impact to whites as well as blacks alike.

"We Shall Overcome Some Day" is the theme song of the late Dr. Martin Luther King sung by whites and blacks in his tireless effort to bring freedom with non violence to minority groups, which is now deeply treasured by all and should not be used in this modern and improved age of intellectuality, as a whip or a slur.

Yours truly,
Rev. S. N. Griffith



Mexico had the world's largest annual population increase from 1970 to 1978: 3.5 percent.

exhaust-system leaks. -Take advantage of the thorough safety inspection offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Auxiliary offers free safety instructions.

-Carry one of more fire extinguishers, matched to the size and type of the boat. Keep them readily accessible and in condition for immediate use.

-Equip the vessel with required navigation lights, and with a whistle, horn or bell.

-Consider additional safety devices, such as a paddle or oars, a first aid kit, a tool kit and spare parts, a flashlight, flares and a transistor radio.

-Have one Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person on board. Inspect them often and keep them dry and ready for use.

-Know and obey marine traffic laws, the "Rules of the Road". Learn the various distress signals.

-Keep an alert lookout for other watercraft, swimmers, floating debris and shallow waters. There should be a second person aboard to act as a "spotter" when a skier is being towed.

-Check weather forecasts before venturing offshore.

-Pay attention to loading - don't overload; distribute the load evenly; don't stand up or shift weight in a small boat; and don't permit riding on the bow, seatbacks or gunwales.

-Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

Since boat insurance is not standardized, it is best to check with an insurance representative to make sure coverage is adequate. The size, type and value of the craft, the waters in which it will be sailed and the type and amount of coverage selected are factors that must be taken into account.

Insurance companies provide physical damage coverage for outboard pleasure boats that protects not only the boat and motor but also the trailer, accessories and equipment.

Owners of large boats should consider a yacht policy. This policy provides hull coverage (physical damage for the boat and equipment) as well as Protection and Indemnity. P and I protects a boat owner against financial loss arising out of injury to others or damage to property of others. The collision clause of a yacht policy insures the boat owner when he is liable for damage to another boat caused by a collision between the insured yacht and another vessel. Many outboard policies include coverage similar to that of the collision clause.

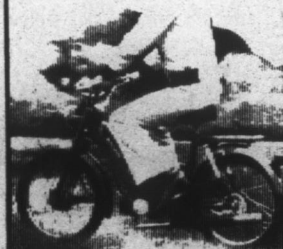
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