**BOAT SAFELY – KNOW THE RULES**

**Vessels overtaking:** Every overtaking boat gives way (includes sailing vessels).

**Power vessels head on:** Both alter to starboard (right).

**Power vessels crossing:** Power boats give way to others on their starboard side.

- Give way boats should cross behind.
- Sailing vessels have different rules.

1. **Lifejackets** – take them, wear them
2. **Skipper responsibility** – keep everyone safe. Know your vessel and your limits
3. **Emergency communications** – carry two types that work when wet (VHF, EPIRB, flare, cell phone)
4. **Marine weather** – check first. If in doubt don’t go out
5. **Avoid alcohol**

**Maximum speed:**
- Within 200m of shore or dive flag.
- Within 50m of all boats or swimmers.

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**BE A RESPONSIBLE SKIPPER**

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