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Take particular care when using locks.  
If you are unsure how to use a lock seek advice  
from the lock keeper.



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Take care of the environment and  
be aware of other water users.



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Get proper training. Join an association or club



**IN AN EMERGENCY,  
WHEN SOMEONE'S  
LIFE IS IN DANGER,  
CALL 999 OR 112  
AND ASK FOR  
"COAST GUARD" OR  
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VHF RADIO.**



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**12 Steps to Safe Motor Boating  
on Inland Waterways**



# 12 STEPS TO SAFE MOTOR BOATING ON INLAND WATERWAYS

- 1** Check and heed local weather forecasts. Avoid strong winds and poor visibility. Get local advice.



- 4** Do not overload your boat or dinghy. Use a kill cord on your outdoor motor.



- 7** Always use the chart. To avoid shallows, reefs and rocks always stick to the marked channel.



- 2** Lifejackets must be carried for everyone on board and should be worn on deck and whilst using dinghies. Children are required to do so by law.



- 5** Never drink and drive.



- 8** Beware of the dangers of fire and exhaust fumes on board, particularly when using petrol or domestic gas.



- 3** Beware of local hazards such as strong currents, weirs and low bridges.



- 6** Make sure that you are safely tied up by dusk. Navigation on inland waterways after dark can be hazardous.



- 9** Ensure that your boat is seaworthy, your engine is regularly serviced and that you have enough fuel.

