

## **“Boating Safety Walkaround”**

**TOPIC/SUBJECT:** Proper safety equipment on board, along with other suggested items, is necessary. Water safety message can be spread where the rubber meets the road.

**TARGET AUDIENCE/AGE LEVEL:** Children and Adults

**TIME:** 30 minutes

**THEME:** Safety equipment and other related items must be on the boat in order to help.

**GOAL/PURPOSE:** To point out the importance of being prepared when going boating. In the absence of a state requirement for licensing of boat operators, use as an interpretive tool to inform the public.

**OBJECTIVE(S):** Participants will be able to see what kind of safety equipment is required for the size of boat on display as well as other type boats; provide checklist of items, water safety brochures, stickers, etc.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Get the trailer, boat, and other boating safety items to site where activity is occurring; visual impact is greater when you can demonstrate what is needed. Ask boaters launching to show you their safety equipment, and can recommend needed equipment. In instances where the boater does not have necessary required equipment, it is allowed to require that they go purchase equipment before they launch.

**BOAT RAMP** - Park adjacent to loading/unloading area, and display safety banner and equipment. As boaters prepare to launch, ask to check their safety equipment, provide checklist, brochures, buoy information, etc. Clean/neat boat a must. Total time: 2-3 minutes.

**SCHOOLS** - Take a trailer boat to schools for water safety programs. Distribute coloring books, stickers, etc. Describe equipment and what it is used for. Total time: 30 minutes.

**SUGGESTED MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT:** Clean project boat with all required safety equipment and suggested boating items. In addition, water safety brochures, stickers, coloring books, etc. can be distributed.