

The Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) is a voluntary body which represents the interests of inland waterways enthusiasts throughout Ireland, North & South. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the inland waterways.
Tel:- 065 68 40582
e-mail:-membership@iwai.ie, Website: www.iwai.ie



The Irish Sailing Association

in association with the IWAI offers a range of training courses for people using motor boats on inland waters. The courses take either one or two days and focus on the practical skills you need to make your cruising safe and fun.
Tel:-01 2800239
e-mail:- Info@sailing.ie
Website:- www.sailing.ie



The Royal National Lifeboat Institution offers free, friendly & confidential safety advice to boats owners. SEACheck offers an opportunity to get tailored advice on board your boat. For details or advice call 1800 789589

Irish Boat Rental Association

(IBRA) is the representative body for the boat rental industry on the Irish inland waterways. IBRA represents the interests of the members and sets standards of safety and service for all members.



The Irish Water Safety Association

offer courses nationwide that develop skills in swimming, survival and rescue. We recommend that all members of the public learn to swim prior to engaging in water related pursuits.
Tel:-1890 420202 (LoCall)
Website:- www.iws.ie



Where to get a detailed & up to date weather forecast for your area.

- € National & local radio
- € National television
- € VHF Radio (announced on Ch 16)
- € Local & national papers
- € Weatherdial 1550 123 123
- € Weatherfax 1570 131 838 (Premium rate services)

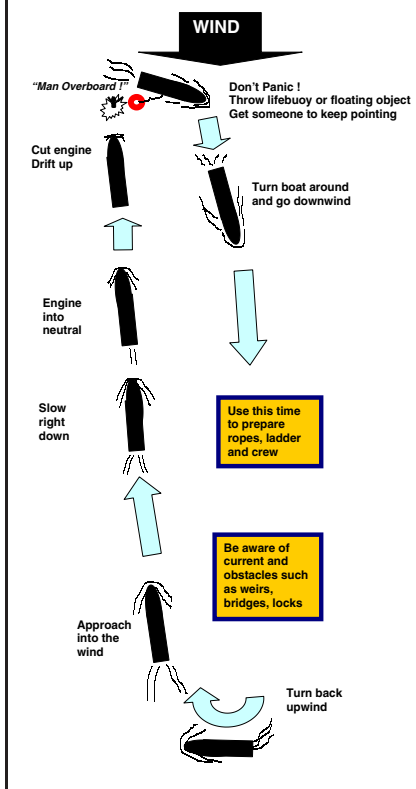
In an EMERGENCY, when someone's life is in danger Call 999 or 112 and ask for "Coast Guard" or use channel 16 on a VHF radio.

Man Overboard

Prevention is better than cure.

Keep decks tidy, clean and free from trailing ropes. Watch out for slippery or wet decks. Wear proper shoes. Check that guardrails are an adequate height & secure. Children should always be supervised while on deck. Never work on deck on your own while underway. Always hold onto the boat while walking around on deck.

If someone falls over board; Don't panic. Follow these steps



Recovering a person from the water.

This can be difficult so it helps to have thought it through before it happens. Once alongside the person in the water they can use the bathing platform or boarding ladder to get aboard. If the person is unable to help themselves you may need to get them aboard by using the dinghy, or by improvising some form of lifting gear. Once aboard they should be made warm & dry. Medical assistance may be needed particularly if the person has been in the water for any length of time.

If you cannot get back to the person on the first attempt, get help immediately.

What to do if it's you who falls overboard.

If you fall overboard, deploy your life jacket and look for any lifebuoys or other floating objects, which may be close by. Remain calm, keep your legs close together and restrict your movements to stop flushing cold water under your clothing.

If you fall overboard and you are not wearing a lifejacket good luck, you are going to need it.

Leaflet produced by the Marine Safety Working Group

Who are we:

Department of the Marine & Natural Resources
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2
(01) 6199200
www.marine.gov.ie

What we do:

The government department responsible for safety of life at sea & prevention of pollution from ships.

Irish Coast Guard
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2
(01) 6199200
www.marine.gov.ie

We are the statutory body responsible for planning, co-ordination and implementation of marine search and rescue operations, pollution control and marine radio communications in Irish waters.

In an emergency call 999 or 112 and ask for Coast Guard.

Irish Water Safety
The Long Walk, Galway.
1890 420202 (LoCall)
www.iws.ie

The Irish Water Safety Association is the statutory body established to promote water safety in Ireland. We offer courses nationwide that develop skills in swimming, survival and rescue.

Irish Sailing Association
3 Park Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
(01) 2800239
www.sailing.ie

We are the governing body representing sailing, windsurfing, powerboating, and personal watercraft in Ireland. We offer a range of training courses for all types of recreational boaters through our network of affiliated clubs and "Recognised Teaching Establishments".

Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
15 Windsor Terrace Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
(01) 2845050
www.lifeboats.org.uk

We exist to preserve life from disaster at sea. This is achieved by providing a fleet of lifeboats, with 24 hour cover, and crewed by well-trained volunteers. In addition, we work with other national organisations to promote sea safety. We are funded entirely by voluntary donations.

Bord Iascaigh Mara
PO Box 12, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin
01 2144100
www.bim.ie

We are the principal development agency for the Irish seafood industry. We promote safe working practices for the industry through training, developing codes of practice, production of training materials and trials of preventative measures against risk on board fishing vessels

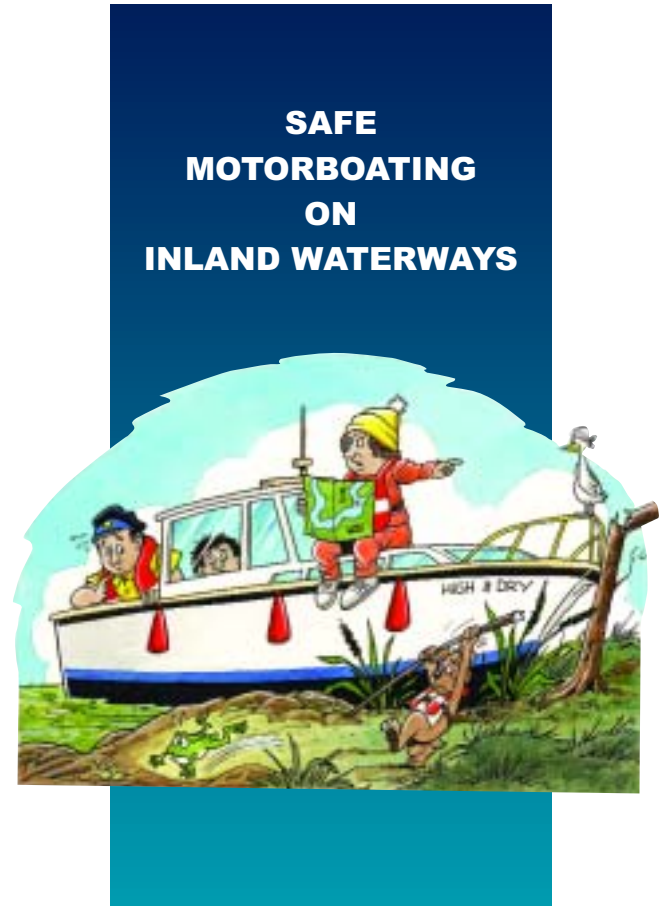
Health & Safety Authority
10 Hogan Place Dublin 2
01 6147000
www.hsa.ie

The Health and Safety Authority promotes and enforces good standards in workplace safety. Working with employer and worker representatives it seeks to ensure that those in control of workplaces adopt safe working practices, as required by law.

Waterways Ireland,
20 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7EW, N.I.
048-66323004 (from R.O.I)
028-66323004 (from N.I.)

Waterways Ireland is a North/South body responsible for the management, maintenance, development and restoration of inland navigable waterways principally for recreation purposes. The Body has headquarters in Enniskillen, with regional offices in Scariff, Carrick-on-Shannon and Dublin.

Assistance in producing this leaflet was received from the family of Markus Thanschheidt who drowned from a cruiser on Lough Derg in 1998.



SAFETY ON THE WATER





1 Check & 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 outboard motor.



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



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



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



5 Never drink & drive.



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



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



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.



12 Get proper training. Join an association or club.