DEFENSIVE BOATING

1. VISIBILITY
Never assume that power boat operators can see you. Avoid high traffic areas whenever possible, and proceed with caution when you must cross a channel or busy waterway.

Be aware of environmental factors like choppy or tall waves, fog or glare that make small water craft more difficult to spot.

2. BRIGHT COLORS
Choose a brightly colored life jacket and clothing that will make it easier for others to see you on the water.

3. ENVIRONMENT
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4. KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD
- When meeting another water craft head on make a right turn (starboard) so that you pass the other water craft on the left (port-side).
- When being overtaken from behind, hold your course straight so as to not surprise the passing water craft.
- When navigating in restricted water areas (docks, bridges, etc.), give way to less maneuverable water craft, usually larger boats.