



Port of Green Bay urges safe boating during holiday weekend

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(Green Bay, WI) – Many recreational boaters will take to the Fox River and the bay during the Independence Day weekend. With increased boat traffic, and regular commercial ships continuing to move in and out of the Port, boaters are urged to use extra caution and follow boating safety rules.

“If the weather cooperates, we know there will be a lot of recreational boaters out there, even as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dean Haen, [Port of Green Bay](#) Director. “We just want everyone to understand how important it is to be safe on the river and bay. Recreational boaters should stay at least 100 feet away from commercial ship which create powerful wakes and cannot stop as quickly as a smaller boat. It may be tempting to try to get an up close look at a big vessel, but it’s really not a safe thing to do.”

Haen also notes that with water levels where they are right now, the water can cover all sorts of things that used to be visible and easy to avoid. Everyone should stay alert and pay attention to the buoys, markers and signs.

Haen shared these additional safe boating tips:

- Carry an approved Personal Flotation Device (life jacket) for each person on your boat. Be sure everyone onboard is either wearing the PFD or has easy access to one.
- Always travel at a safe speed and slow down when you see “No Wake” areas on the river.
- Do not mix boating with alcohol or drugs.
- Designate a lookout to identify obstacles that don’t necessarily appear on GPS and need to be located visually. That can include navigational buoys, swimmers, other boats and more.

“We want people to enjoy being out on the water, and the best way to do that safely is by being aware of everything happening on the water and being respectful of those around you,” added Haen.

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About the Port of Green Bay: The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of

Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary's Cement and U.S. Venture.

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