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## Be Safe! Keep your eyes on the water

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(Green Bay, WI) – As the temperatures rise, so does the boating activity on area waterways. The water is certainly inviting, but boaters must be aware of dangers that can be found in the Bay of Green Bay, and the Fox River.

While encouraging everyone to enjoy themselves on the water. Port of Green Bay officials say boaters need to pay attention to what's happening on the water. "There should always be a designated lookout," said Dean Haen, director for the Port of Green Bay. "There are many obstacles on, or below, the water that don't necessarily appear on GPS and need to be located visually." These include, but aren't limited to, man-made spoil areas like Renard Island, cleanup barges, navigational buoys, swimmers and other watercraft. High water levels could also hide navigational hazards that are normally visible.

Haen also says safety should be a focus for boaters, and has some additional reminders:

- Carry an approved Personal Flotation Device (life jacket) for each person on board
- Always travel at a safe speed and slow down when you see the signs for the Fox River Cleanup Project equipment
- Follow all buoys, markers and signs and pay attention to the "No Wake" areas on the river
- Do not mix boating with alcohol or drugs
- Be respectful of the rights of everyone on and near the water

By following the rules of safe boating, and exercising good judgement, we can have a safe summer for boating on the Fox River and the Bay of Green Bay.

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The Port of Green Bay imported/exported 1.8 million tons of cargo in 2016, and has 14 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities.

- ACE Marine, LLC
- C. Reiss Coal Company
- Construction Resources Management
- Flint Hills Resources
- Fox River Dock Company
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- Graymont

- GLC Minerals, LLC
- KK Integrated Logistics, Inc.
- Lafarge North America
- RGL
- Sanimax
- St. Mary's Cement Company
- **US** Venture



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