

# Get ready to set sail



## Site has all you need to get out on the water

**A**hooy matey, it's time to start making waves. As summer rapidly approaches, the activity level at area lakes and rivers starts picking up. For people who love to be out on the water, the best time of year is almost upon us. If you like boating, or are interested in learning about it, **DiscoverBoating.com** is a good site to learn the ropes.



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The site covers many different types of boats along with all the activities that come with them. The section titled Find Your Boat has four subsections that help you decide on the type of boat you might want. It explains the different styles of boats, such as bowriders, fishing boats, ski boats, pontoon boats, personal watercraft and more. It also has links to the websites of many boat manufacturers. There's links to boat shows around the country so you can look at different options before deciding. The fourth subsection explains different types of engines and propulsion systems.

The next section is titled Get on the Water. It offers information on different ways to enjoy boating whether you have your own vessel or not. There's listings of boat clubs, rental, charter and boat sharing services. An interactive map shows you locations of boating options near any ZIP code you enter. A subsection called DBTV has videos covering a range of topics including equipment checklists, operating tips, buying a boat and much more. There are also articles covering a lot of the same ground if you'd rather read than watch a video.

The How to Buy section will help guide you through the process of selecting, testing, financing and purchasing a boat. It has a boat loan calculator that figures out your monthly payments based on your boat budget and interest rates.

There's an interactive map of boat dealers all over the country to help you find one near you. There's also information on buying at boat shows, from manufacturers, online and from private sellers. The buying guide helps you navigate the whole process step-by-step.

The fourth section is titled Owning & Operating. It covers a lot of the basics you'll need to learn once you buy a boat. There are articles and videos on trailering your boat, launching it, storing it and maintaining it. Licensing, registering and insuring your boat are also explained. There's also lots of information on boating safety and etiquette to make sure your time on the water is enjoyable. The many boating accessories available for different activities, such as fishing, skiing or camping are explored. There are also tons of

accessories for customizing and maintaining boats that are featured. Another subsection covers the variety of activities associated with boating, including fishing, skiing, tubing, wake boarding, swimming or just tying up with other boats to hang out.

In addition to all the information on boating basics, there are articles on how to make your boating experiences special. There are recipes and tips for cooking on board. There's a list of great restaurants that you can pull up to in your boat. Boating podcasts and apps are also featured. Basically, the site has everything you need to ensure smooth sailing this summer.

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