

Keep these pages with your boat, ready for inspection. By using this checklist, or one fine-tuned by yourself, you'll be sure that nothing is left behind and you have taken the proper safety precautions. We have also included some safety precautions about children and PFD.

Float plan--let a friend or relative know when you're leaving, where you're going, when you expect to return, what to do if you don't return, and a description of your boat.

Approved Personal Flotation Devices (wearable and throw able) for each person and that are readily accessible

80 % of drowning victims in boating accidents were not wearing a personal flotation device.

Please wear your personal flotation device.

Teach your child how to float with a PFD.

Floating in a calm, "face up" position is not something that comes naturally to children. Before going boating, teach your child how to float safely in a pool or shallow water where the child cannot touch the bottom.

Teach your child to be **calm in the water**. Children sometimes panic when they enter the water suddenly. This causes them to move their arms and legs frantically, making it difficult for them to float safely with a PFD.

Teach your child to **float on his/her back** with arms and legs in the water and head back, face out of the water. The height and weight distribution of some children make them "top heavy," causing them to tip in the water until they learn to float safely in a calm, "face-up" position.

Teach your child to **turn to a "face up" position** from a "face-down" position. Have your child practice turning himself/herself until you are certain that he/she can turn to a "face-up" position consistently.

If your child cannot turn and maintain a relaxed, "face-up" floating position after getting used to wearing the PFD, try another style or type of PFD.

Registration certificate or documentation

Fire Extinguishers

Visual Distress Signals - Flares

Anchors and Line - adequate anchor for bottom, adequate line for water depth

Bilge device

Watch or clock--operable

Bright flashlight or searchlight

Navigation lights --tested and operable, spare bulbs

Batteries

Sound-producing device--horn, whistle appropriate for boat

Alternate propulsion--paddle or oar

First Aid Kit

Tools, spare outboard prop and lock nut

Compass

Sunscreen

Weather Radio

Compliments of Caravelle Powerboats! Enjoy! Be Safe & Have fun!