

# A SPECIAL NOTE TO RECREATIONAL BOATERS

**Boating on the Illinois Waterway presents special hazards. Following are some precautions all recreational boaters should adhere to:**

- **There are restricted areas above and below each dam. Stay away from these restricted areas to avoid getting caught in dangerous currents.**
- **Stay clear of barges and towboats. If you cannot see the front of the pilothouse, the pilot of the towboat cannot see you.**
- **Not all hazards outside of the navigation channel are shown on this chart. Stay in the marked channel to avoid all known and unknown hazards.**
- **Learn proper locking procedures:** <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/MississippiRiverProject.aspx>  
<http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/>

## **Don't forget common sense:**

- ☐ **Life jackets are lifesavers.**
- ☐ **Drinking and boating don't mix.**
- ☐ **Hypothermia can kill.**
- ☐ **Show courtesy to other boaters.**
- ☐ **Know before you go.**
- ☐ **Attend a safe boating class. For more information, call 815-667-4054**

