

## A SPECIAL NOTE FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

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Boating on the Mississippi River presents special hazards. Following are some precautions all recreational boaters should adhere to:

- ▶ Avoid dangerous currents found immediately above and below all navigation dams.
- ▶ Stay clear of barges and towboats. They can not stop or maneuver easily, and can create dangerous currents even when tied up.
- ▶ Be cautious of wingdams and other submerged structures outside of the navigation channel. Hazards outside of the navigation channel are not normally shown on the charts.
- ▶ Learn proper locking procedures: [www.mvr.usace.army.mil/brochures/locksandtheriver.asp](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/brochures/locksandtheriver.asp)



Don't forget common sense:

- Life jackets are lifesavers.
- Drinking and boating don't mix.
- Hypothermia can kill.
- Show courtesy to other boaters.
- Attend a safe boating class.
- Know before you go.



Further information on recreational boating on the Upper Mississippi River can be found on the US Army Corps of Engineers websites. Follow the **RECREATION** and **NAVIGATION** links at the following websites:

St. Paul District:  
Rock Island District:  
St. Louis District:

[www.mvp.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil)  
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