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.

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.