A SPECIAL NOTE FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

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.

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: [www.mvp.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil)
- Rock Island District: [www.mvr.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil)
- St. Louis District: [www.mvs.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil)