

## **Boat Safety: For an Enjoyable Vacation**

One of the most popular ways to spend the summer [vacation in Vietnam](#) is to go out in boat on to the open sea. The matter of yachts and luxury boats may be limited to the rich and the famous, but almost every person who stays in any place near the sea owns or likes to own a boat. And in cases of vacations or extended weekends, boating becomes an obvious choice. But such moments of enjoyment may suffer if you do not take adequate precaution while boating.

First of all, check for the health of the boat. It is very important as any minor damages or even the slightest problems can become the cause of some of the gravest accidents. If it is your own boat then get it properly serviced if you are taking it out after a long time. If you are hiring one, make sure you hire it from a reputed company and check for seaworthiness certificate.

If you can, avoid going out with only your boat. Plan your trip with another friend as two boats on the sea are always better than a single boat. Always take a full tank of fuel. Use not more than one-third for reaching your destination as it is always wise to have more than enough fuel available to meet any unforeseen events. Weather forecast and navigational charts are very important. Make sure that you can interpret the navigational charts.

When on sea you must be wearing life jackets. Make sure that all of the passengers are wearing them. It is also important that all the passengers know swimming, and if anyone does not know swimming then make sure that there is someone who is trained in rescue, if possible. Also avoid going into risk zones with non-swimmers on board.

If it is a small boat do not venture out far into the sea. It is wise to stay near the shore. But then be on a lookout for the swimmers and water-skiers. If there are swimmers nearby then shut off the engine.

Another thing that can be done as an act of precaution is to tell about the plan of boat trip to your known ones. Also tell them about the day and destination of your journey. Finally, never drink while boating. Keep your senses clear and sharp as venturing out into the sea demands total attention.

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