



National Park Service Commercial Services Program

Boat Safety Resources including Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning Prevention

The following is a list of references is compiled to assist concessioners in providing safe boating services, in particular carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning awareness and prevention. Most of these resources are made available from the U.S. Coast Guard.

These resources are not a comprehensive inventory of all available boat safety materials or requirements. The materials are generic nationwide standards, guidance and tools. They may not address all the unique federal, state or local boating safety requirements or specific issues associated with a particular concession operation in a park. In accordance with the terms of their contracts, concessioners are responsible for complying with all Applicable Laws and developing and implementing their own Risk Management Plan (RMP) that provides a safe and healthy environment for employees and visitors for their particular service. Concessioner should review the materials and make their own decision on their applicability and use in their own operations.

Standards and Requirements

Vessel Standards: American Boat and Yacht Council Standards (ABYC Standards) can be found at <http://www.abycinc.org/>

NPS Requirements Related to CO in Boats: *Requirements for Reducing the Potential for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning from Rental and Marina Operations* January 30, 2012 ([click here for copy](#)).

General Boating Safety Resources

Rental Boat Safety Website: U.S. Coast Guard website that provides a variety of training materials and other resources covering a range of boating safety issues that rental companies can use to educate users. <http://www.rentalboatsafety.com/>

Boating Safety Resource Center: U.S. Coast Guard website providing various resources on boating safety from on-line boating safety courses, to vessel safety checklists to information on lifejackets and other safety topics. <http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/>

CO Poisoning Awareness

CO Educational Tools: U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Resource Center site dedicated to CO poisoning awareness tools including downloadable brochures and posters, boat operations checklists, decals that can be printed onto adhesive backing to create your own warning labels, photo and video libraries. http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/co_tools.aspx