

## **Safe-N-Smart Summer Camp Boating Plan Worksheet**

**Congratulations!** You're part of a 3-person team ready to save *Camp Waterbug*. Your simple goal is to save the entire camp from losing its license to operate! You're going to do that by developing and following a **Safe-N-Smart Summer Camp Boating Plan** that can be implemented at *Camp Waterbug* to make sure kids at camp stay safe (and smart) on the water all summer long. You probably have some questions so here's a quick explanation.

*There is no doubt about it, Camp Waterbug is in jeopardy of losing their license from the state. The reason? Two campers nearly drowned after one of them fell into the water from the dock and the other teen, without proper training, tried to save him. On top of that, three campers had to be rescued last year by the US Coast Guard after a 32-hour search on Lake Michigan. They got lost, their boat ran out of fuel, and they were drifting miles from shore in rough waters. It turns out that none of these kids knew how to be safe and smart on the water.*

*Based on these incidents, the state Marine Safety Agency told Camp Waterbug that unless they developed and a plan to teach all incoming summer campers how to be safe and smart boaters, Camp Waterbug would have to be shut down. You just can't let that happen, you and your friends summer plans will be ruined!*

*Even though your state requires registered boaters to complete an online certified boating safety course, most new campers at Camp Waterbug are much more interested in having fun on the water rather than being concerned about being safe on the water. So the challenge is to create a plan for being safe-n-smart, yet making it a fun and required part of attending Camp Waterbug.*

*In this lesson, you and your two partners will develop an understanding of the importance and concepts of boating safety, using critical thinking in a peer-driven activity where students ask critical questions, perform research, debate, and create their own **Safe-N-Smart Summer Camp Boating Plan**.*

Before developing your plan, watch the videos and review the content on this webpage:

<https://intotheoutdoors.org/topics/boating-safety-savvy/>

Next, select a fun name for your team. Then decide which of you will each assume one of these roles; 1) the camp counselor, 2) the safety-first camper, 3) the fun-first camper. Focus on your individual roles as you perform online research. For instance, the safety-first camper might be worried about what information the campers are learning to keep them safe while the camp counselor might be more concerned about how they're going to pass along all of this safety information to a group of campers in a quick, fun, but responsible fashion. Of course, the fun-first camper will always be on the lookout for ways to make each lesson you teach the campers more fun and engaging.

Your plan must include factual research on boating safety. Use either online research or the **USCG Recreational Boating Statistics** PDF provided on the webpage. Once you've each listed

key parts of your safety plan, work together as a group to combine them and develop your team's safety plan and save *Camp Waterbug*.

Decide on one member of your team to present your team's **Safe-N-Smart Summer Camp Boating Plan** plan to the class during Session 3. Your presentation should be supported by research and include some form of demonstration or media (either situational demonstration, video, poster, graphs, charts, images – see “YouTube fishing accidents” for instance).

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Counselor** (student name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Safety-First Camper** (student name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fun-First Camper** (student name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Our** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Safe-N-Smart Summer Camp Boating Plan**  
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Our plan is supported by these references (online sources)

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