

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

Making A Splash With The Family

(NAPSA)—Studies reveal that boating as a recreation with family and friends delivers much needed “R and R” as well as the satisfaction of being outdoors.

Enjoying a wave of popularity are the newest personal watercrafts (PWCs) and sport boats powered by the newest four-stroke technology, making them easier to use and more reliable than ever. This new generation of boats also utilizes Direct-Drive technology, providing safer operation and slot-car-like handling.

To point you in the right direction, note what’s new on the water:

- **Musclecraft**—For those who put a premium on performance and power and want the boldest machine in the water, there are the 215-horsepower Sea-Doo RXP PWC and the 200 Speedster sport boat with a whopping 430 horsepower.

- **Luxury Performance**—The BMWs of the water, with bells and whistles that Richard Branson would own, include the Sea-Doo GTX Ltd. and the 205 Utopia sport boat.

- **Recreational**—For the best value and excitement for the dollar, there is the GTI line and the new 230 Challenger sport boat, which are easy to use and great fun.

- **Sport**—For athletic water goers looking to push their personal best, there are a number of watercraft as functional as they are fashionable, such as the new 230 Wake sport boat.

According to the experts at Sea-Doo, along with making memories should come an awareness of waterway etiquette and safety:

Passengers and Crew—Odds are, everybody will want to take a ride, but never carry more than



The family that boats together: Boating is a great family-bonding activity and more enjoyable when it’s done responsibly.

the maximum passenger load specified for your craft. And make sure a USCG-approved PFD (personal floatation device) is available for everyone—including the family dog!

Right of way—Follow the basic guidelines. Sailboats, commercial vessels and fishing vessels always have the right of way. Stay to the right when approaching an oncoming craft.

Awareness—Operating a PWC or sport boat is exciting but be sure to constantly look for traffic on the water. Always know the location of other boats.

Wave or wake jumping—If your course takes you across the wake of another boat, make sure your distance is at least 300 feet and visibility is not obstructed.

Maintenance—A well-maintained PWC or sport boat can keep the fun going. Follow your owner’s manual instructions for pre- and post-trip maintenance and always utilize the skill of a certified technician for your vessel’s repairs.

For more information, as well as a list of local authorized Sea-Doo dealers, visit Sea-Doo.com.