

A SPECIAL NOTE FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Boating on the Mississippi River presents special hazards. Following is 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.**
- ☞ **Learn proper locking procedures.**



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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
Rock Island District: www.mvr.usace.army.mil
St. Louis District: www.mvs.usace.army.mil