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## Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Recreational Vessel Propeller-Strike & Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Casualty Prevention Published

The Coast Guard announced today publication of an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register to improve safety on recreational boats. The National Boating Safety Advisory Council has recommended that operators shut off the propulsion engine while a swimmer is in close proximity to the stern of a recreational vessel, and the Coast Guard is seeking public comment on this recommendation. The Coast Guard is additionally seeking input on measures that could be taken by boaters to prevent casualties due to propeller-strikes and carbon monoxide poisoning during the course of recreational boating activities.

The U.S. Coast Guard encourages the public to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USCG-2011-0497. The comment period closes on November 25, 2011. All comments received will be posted without change.

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