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It is illegal in Ohio for an individual to operate, or physically control, a boat or any type of water vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It is also illegal for an individual to operate, or physically control, a boat or any type of water vessel with a prohibited level of alcohol or drugs.

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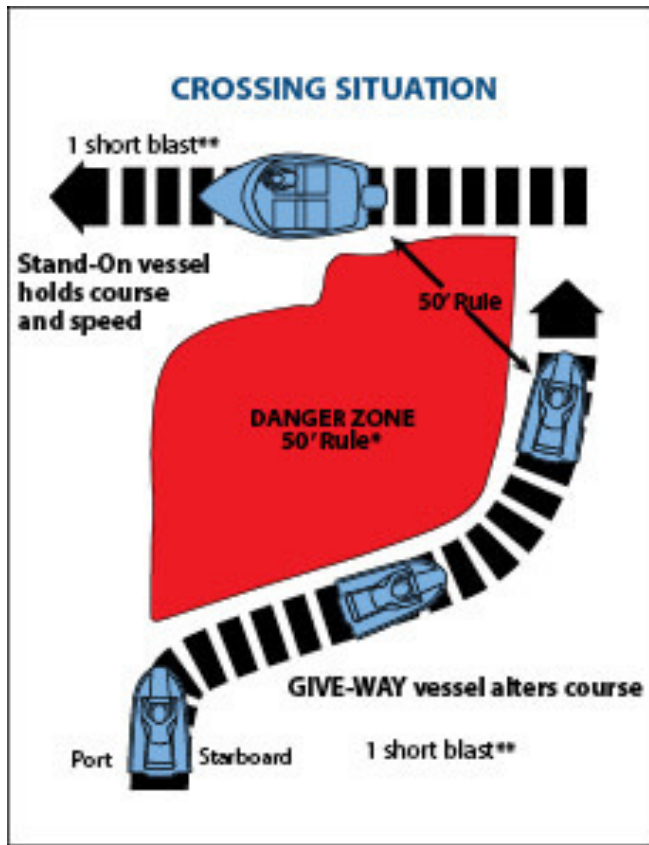
Stay well clear of  
tow boats,  
barges, and other  
commercial  
traffic – they  
always have right  
of way



# No wake zones

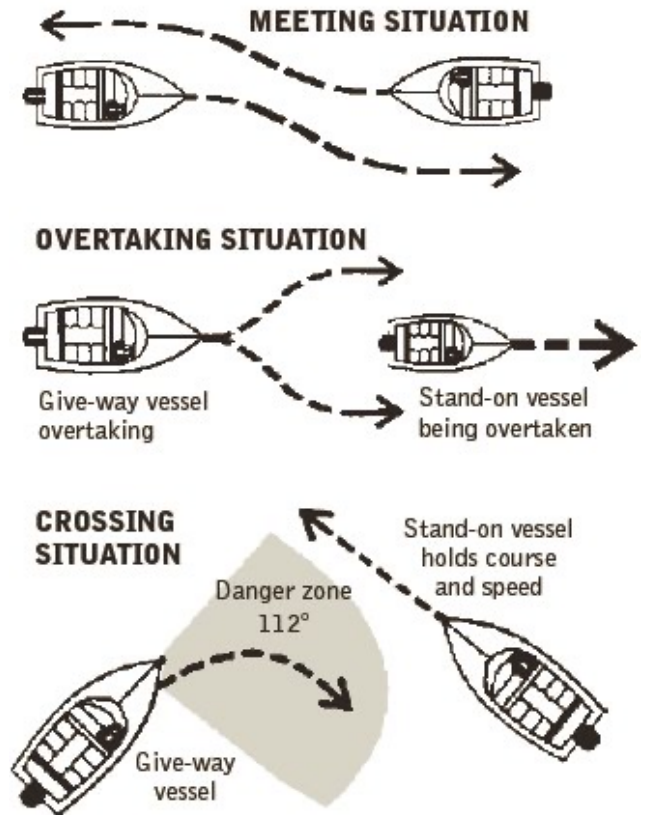


- 300 ft or 100 yards from marinas and docks
  - Inside marinas
  - Around law enforcement boats
  - Around divers and skiers
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- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY YOUR WAKE!**



#### THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING RIGHT OF WAY RULES

- Don't go too fast
- Be cautious of other boaters
- Always be respectful and conscientious
- Give way if it makes sense
- Avoid all government vessels and restricted areas

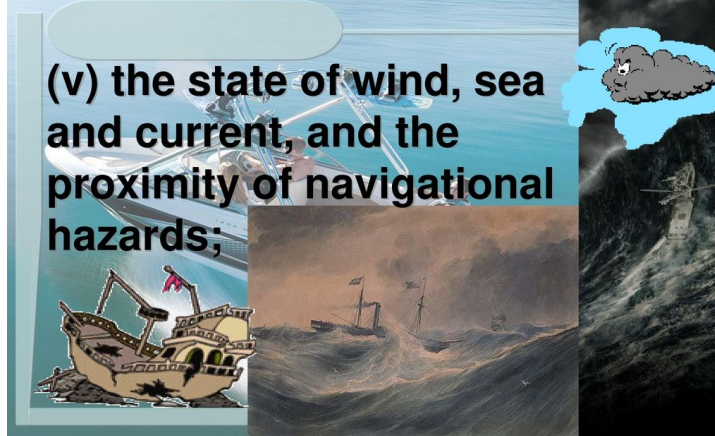


# Right of Way

**Safe Speed – is the speed a vessel can take to avoid collision.**

**Safe Speed – is the speed a vessel can be stopped within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.**

**(v) the state of wind, sea and current, and the proximity of navigational hazards;**



**(ii) the traffic density including concentrations of fishing vessels or any other vessels;**



# Safe Speed

# Look Out

 Department of Transport

## Lookout!

Marine Safety



- **Always Lookout** - Keep alert, pay attention to wind and waves
- **Always Lookout** - Look all around, as well as using your GPS
- **Always Lookout** - Plan your trip, watch out for hazards

 A new funding initiative from Marine Safety, supporting the recreational boating community.  
For more information see our website at [www.marinesafety.govt.nz](http://www.marinesafety.govt.nz)





# Crossing Wakes



- Biggest cause of injury on the water
- Steer away
- Slow down
- Tell everyone
- Cross at 45 degrees

**LIFEJACKET DONNING INSTRUCTIONS**

 <p>PLACE THE LIFEJACKET OVER YOUR HEAD.</p>	 <p>BRING THE STRAP AROUND YOUR BODY AND FASTEN THE CLOSURE.</p>
 <p>ADJUST TO A SNUG FIT BY PULLING THE FREE END OF THE STRAP.</p>	 <p>IF ENTERING THE WATER CROSS YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST AND ENTER YOUR FEET FIRST.</p>

**CHILDREN:**  
CHILDRENS LIFEJACKETS WILL BE ISSUED BY CABIN STAFF. PUT LIFEJACKET ON YOUR CHILD AND SECURE FOLLOWING ALL THE 4 STEPS ABOVE.



PFDs: Life jackets must be worn for 10 and under

# Fire/Fire Extinguisher

- Avoid fires by:
  - No smoking on the boat
  - Vented fuel tank
  - No flammable liquids allowed on the boat
- If there is a fire immediately expend the extinguisher into the fire
- Put on life jackets
- Get out of the boat

## HOW TO USE EXTINGUISHER

REMEMBER WORD **PASS**



**PULL**



**AIM**



**SQUEEZE**



**SWEEP**

# Collision/Flooding

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- Avoid collisions by:
  - Keep a good look out
  - Go a safe speed
  - Stay well clear of all other boats
- If you do collide or have flooding:
  - Put on life jackets
  - Head towards the bank if possible
  - Call for help



# Running aground

- Avoid running aground by:
  - Going slow in shallow water
  - Stay away from the bank
  - Rule 3: Nothing good happens going fast next to the bank of the river
- If you run aground:
  - Put on life jackets
  - Put on shoes
  - Call for help



# Engine start up

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- Lower engine (if up)
  - Use switch on throttle (trim control)
- Turn ignition key
- Attach lanyard to yourself (Ohio law)
- Check to ensure cooling system is working (pee tube)





# Engine Controls

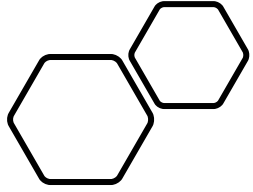
- Trim switch
- Neutral lock
- Throttle



## Propeller Hazards

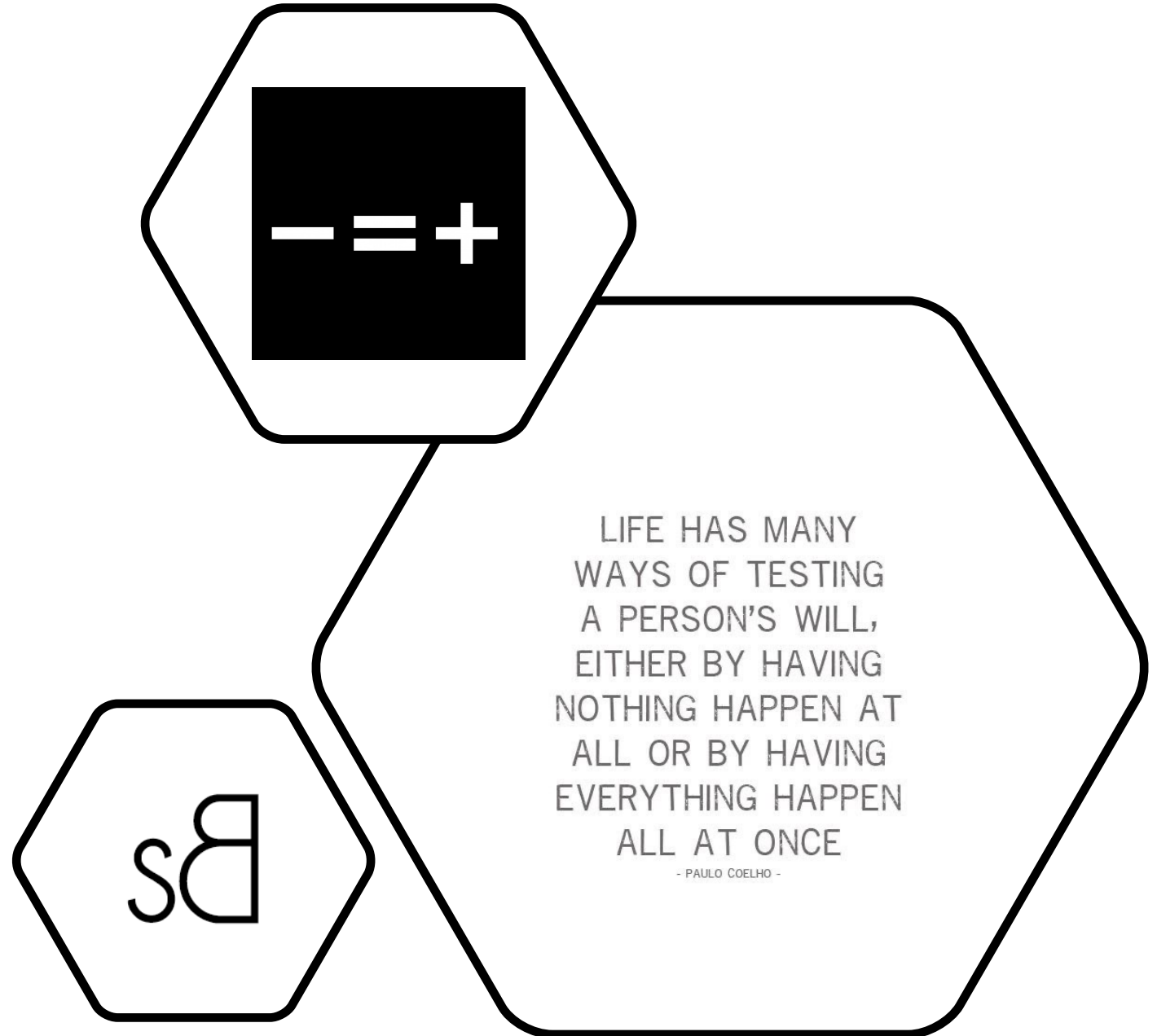
- The boat's engine propeller can cause severe injury or death
- Bodily contact with the propeller blades can cause injury even when the motor is turned off
- Ensure that the motor is turned off when people are boarding the boat via the swim platform





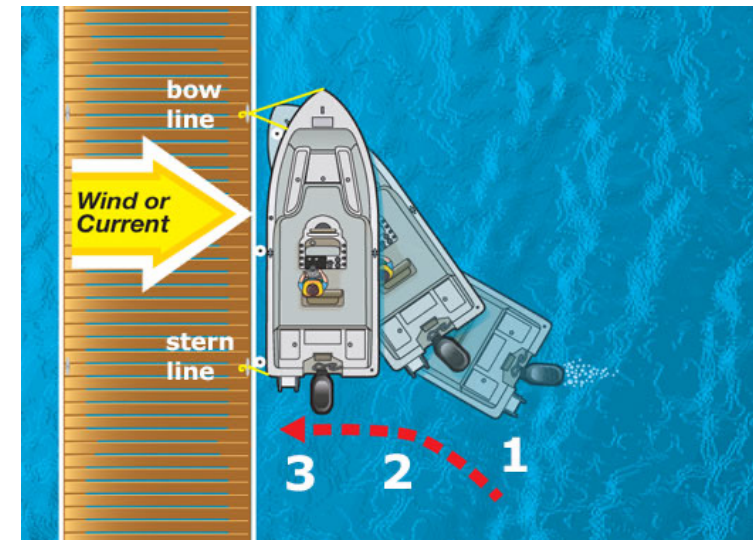
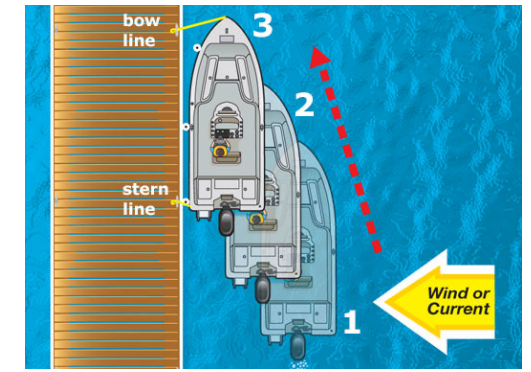
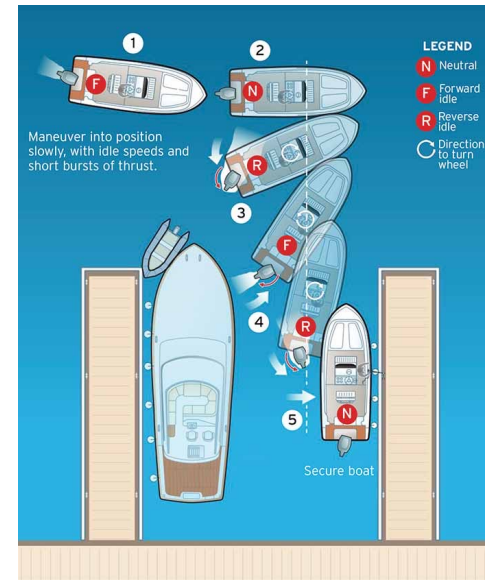
# Boat Operation

- Cincinnati Power Boat Rentals' Basic 3 rules of boat operation
  - Less is More
  - Reverse is your Friend
  - Nothing good happens going fast close to the bank of the river



# Less is More

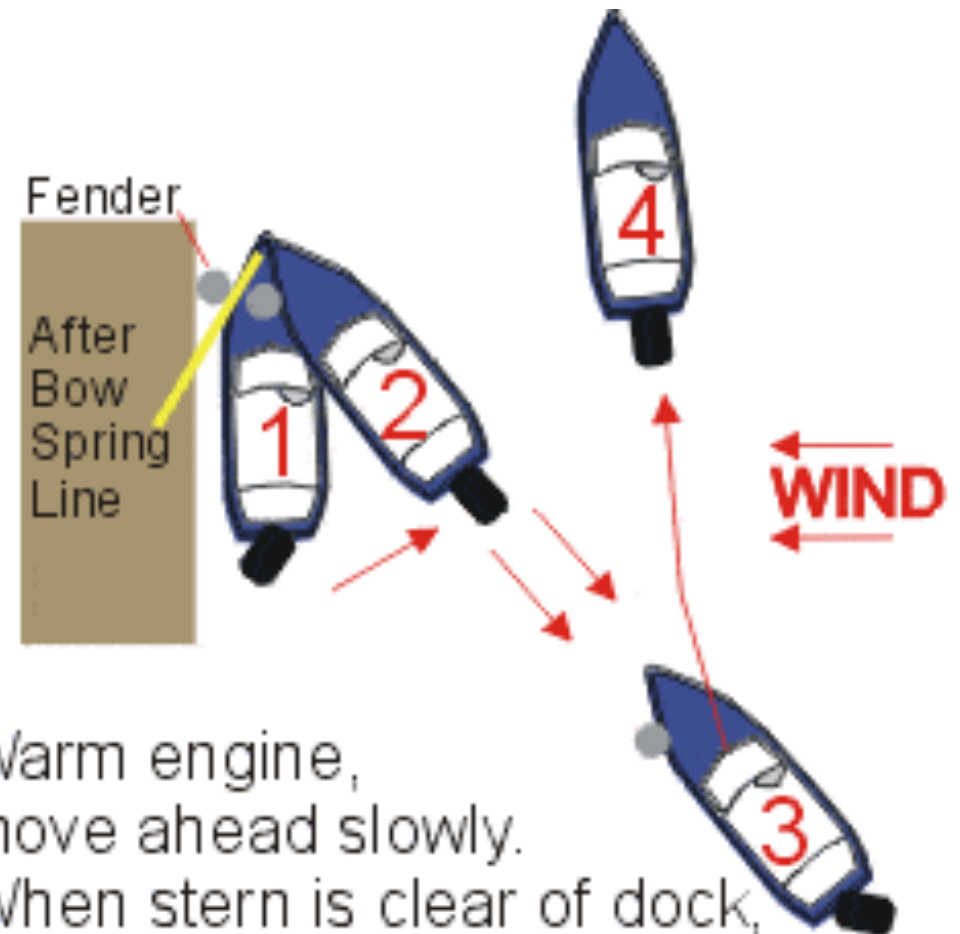
- Less is more
  - IDLE SPEED ONLY! - When operating in the marina, around docks, or going into and out of the slip
  - Use short bursts of idle speed only
  - Shift quickly from neutral to forward and back to neutral
  - Shift quickly from neutral to reverse and back to neutral



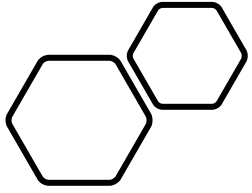
# Reverse is your Friend

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- Unlike a car, the boat steers from the back rather than the front.
- When you turn the wheel to the right you are really pushing the stern to the left.
- When you turn the wheel to the left you are really pushing the stern to the right
- Often, using reverse is very helpful in maneuvering the boat



- 1 Warm engine, move ahead slowly.
- 2 When stern is clear of dock, remove spring line and reverse slowly



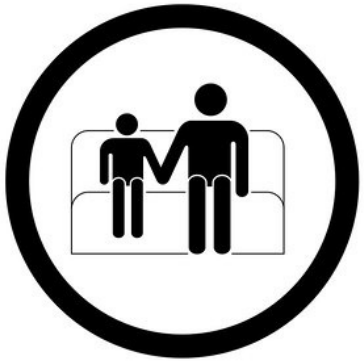
Nothing good happens going fast next to the bank of the river

- The river is deep in the middle but shallow close to the bank
- There are submerged obstructions close to the bank
  - Sand bars
  - Rocks
  - Logs
- The closer you get to the bank, the slower you should go...



## Remain Seated

- Remain seated while the boat is in motion
- It is illegal to hang over the edge of the boat (legs, arms, body) while in motion
- Don't sit on the bow, sides or stern of the boat.



**FOR YOUR SAFETY**

**REMAIN SEATED WITH HANDS,  
ARMS, FEET AND LEGS INSIDE  
THE VEHICLE.**

**SUPERVISE CHILDREN.**



# No Swimming!

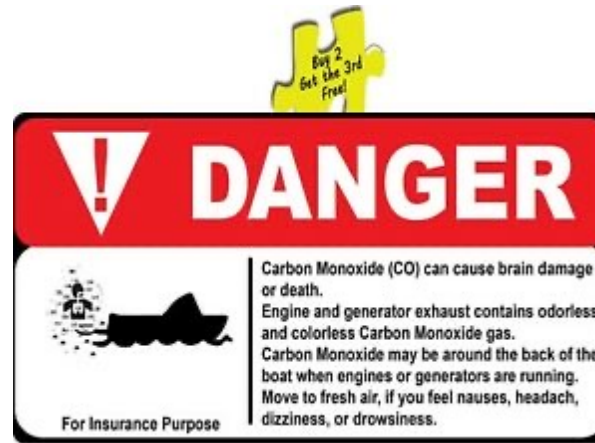
- Swimming in the Ohio River off Cincinnati Power Boat Rentals' boats is prohibited
- The Ohio River may be contaminated with high levels of e-coli and other bacteria – especially after rainstorms
- Underwater obstructions are impossible to see from the boat
- Stray electrical current may be present around boats and docks



# CO2 Warning



Exhaust from nearby vessels can send CO into your boat's cabin or cockpit.



Back drafting can occur when a boat is operated at a high bow angle.

- Sitting at idle for long periods where you may be breathing exhaust fumes can cause CO2 poisoning!

# Refueling



You should not need to refuel



You will be charged for the fuel  
that you use



Contact Cincinnati Power Boat  
Rentals if you think you need to  
refuel while out on the river –  
prior to refueling!

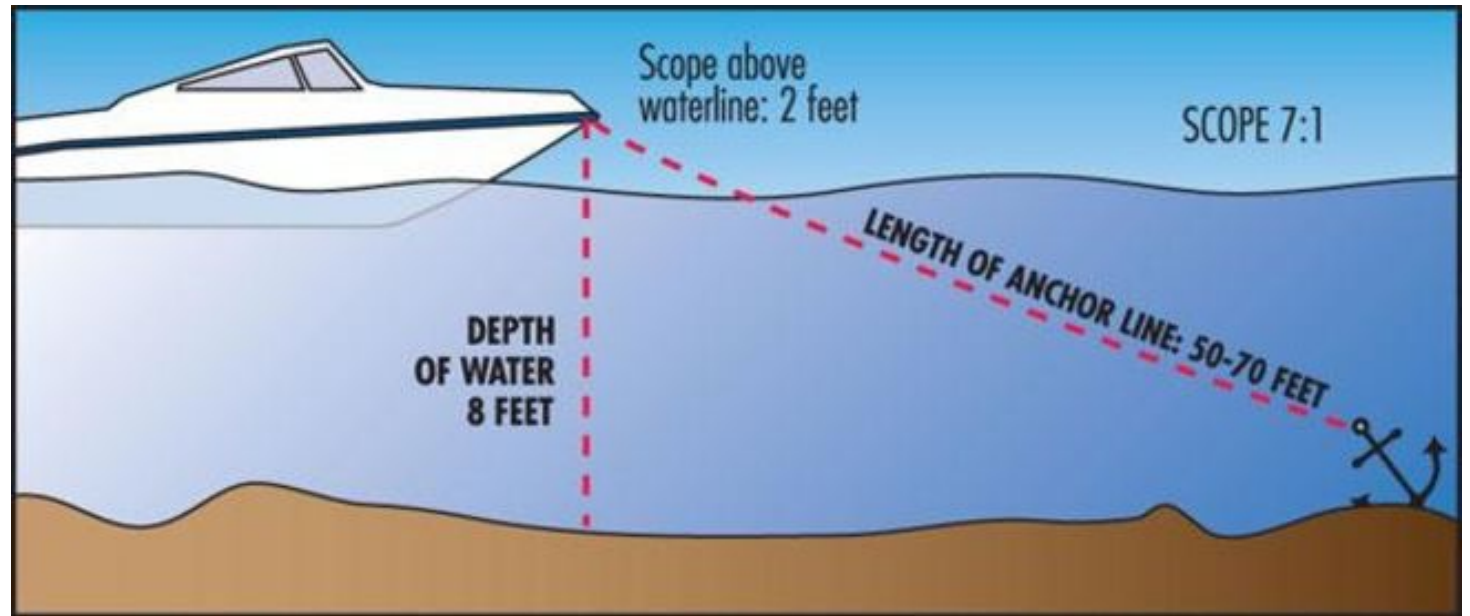


We will show you the fuel gauge  
and fuel fill cap during hands-on  
boat familiarization training



# Anchoring

- Bow into the current
- Come to a stop
- Gently lower anchor to the bottom
- Pay out about 5X the depth as boat drifts backwards
- Cleat off line
- Watch riverbank to verify you are anchored



# Pulling Anchor

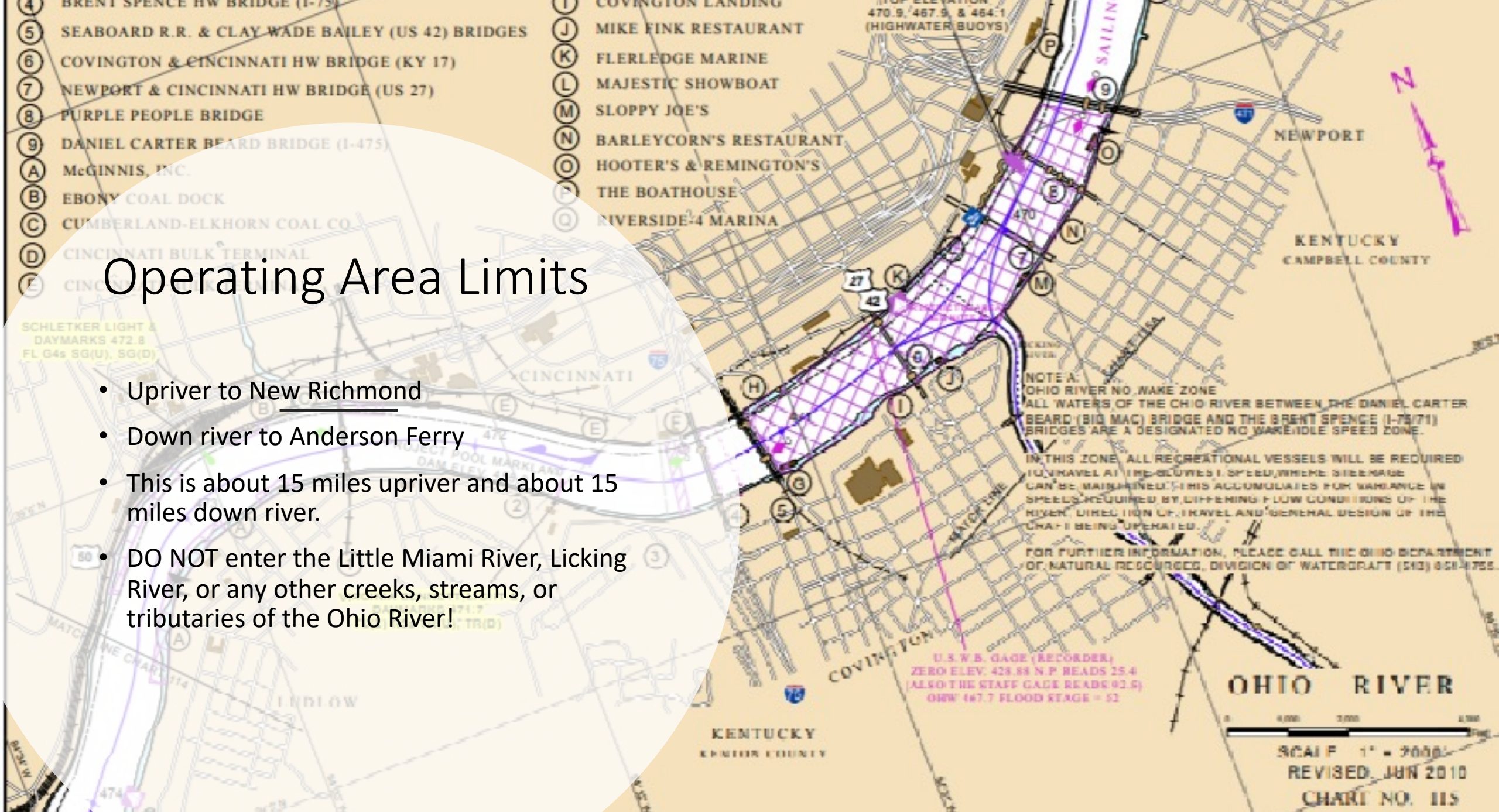
- Pull in anchor line by hand
- Use care not to bang anchor into hull of boat as you pull it to the surface
- Carefully wash any mud of the flukes before bringing anchor aboard
- Neatly coil the anchor line and restow anchor and line under the seat
- Anchors are expensive: If you lose it, you buy another...

# DO NOT BEACH THE BOAT!



# Operating Area Limits

- Upriver to New Richmond
- Down river to Anderson Ferry
- This is about 15 miles upriver and about 15 miles down river.
- DO NOT enter the Little Miami River, Licking River, or any other creeks, streams, or tributaries of the Ohio River!





**How NOT to Lose Your  
Security Deposit**



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**NO SMOKING** and follow all the rules noted  
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