



# AUGUST TIP OF THE MONTH

## Water Safety

With the warmer than usual weather we've been experiencing, more people will be taking to the Northwest's waters. It is important to know some basic safety guidelines before you hit the water!

Remember before you dive in:



- **Strong tides or swift moving rivers can overwhelm even the strongest swimmers.**
- **Swim at your skill and comfort level.**
- **Water that is warm on the surface may still be much colder below and hypothermia can set in quickly.**
- **Always wear a life vest that fits you correctly when in a boat, canoe, or kayak. Don't use floatation devices as a substitute for supervision.**
- **Do not overload boats or canoes with too many people or too much gear.**

Even the best water enthusiasts can misjudge changing water conditions when boating or swimming.

Check for any beach advisories, dangerous water conditions or potential hazards before entering the water.

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