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Most of my clients, my associates, friends and colleagues are involved to one degree or another in offshore navigation. Whether power or sail, cruising, diving or fishing, heading offshore is no joke.

This week is National Safe Boating Week. I suggest to all my clients and visitors to this site.. why not have a look at your PFD's ? What shape are they in ? Are they really suitable for your intended navigation ?

What about Fire Safety ? Are your smoke and CO detectors functional ? Has your fixed fire fighting system been inspected and current ? Your hand held extinguishers charged and mounted in brackets available for use ? Hope you don't bet all your fire safety on dry chemical extinguishers.

Do you have a functional horn ? Loud enough ? I mean really loud ? Back up air can for hand held air horns ?

What about you - the Captain/Owner/Operator ?

Are you operating your vessel safely ? This weekend while others are zipping past you on inland waters it pays to have extra lookouts.

Report unsafe vessel operation. Stay in control and don't become a statistic. Finally before departing, know the day's weather. What will be the local weather in the morning and evening?

Best of Luck
Captain Mitch Witt
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