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Water Safety Requirements

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Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic we are all enduring this year, there has been a significant increase in the number of citizens enjoying our rivers and creeks located within Rock County. The most popular method of travel utilized by those individuals new to water sports has been the use of human powered vessels such as kayaks, canoes and inflatable tubes. While the Rock County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to enjoy the summer weather and the Rock County waterways, we want to remind everyone to do so in the safest manner possible and to adhere to all applicable laws and regulations.

As a reminder Wisconsin State Statute 30.62(3)(A) requires "Every boat, except a sailboard and except as provided in par. (b), shall carry at least one personal flotation device prescribed by federal regulations for each person on board or being attended by the boat, so placed as to be readily accessible and available to the persons."

This statute applies to all of the above mentioned vessels regardless if they are motorized or not.

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