DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC

One more water-related death is one too many. PLEASE, TAKE HEED.

WHILE YOU’RE OUT THERE...
1. Tell someone where you’re going and when you’ll return.
2. Wear your lifejacket.
3. Never operate a vessel while impaired or intoxicated. Stay alert!
5. Obey all warning signs and aids to navigation.
6. Pay attention to your surroundings and constantly monitor weather conditions.
7. Carry a cell phone.
8. Keep all required distress signals readily accessible and in serviceable condition.
9. Be seen.

JUST IN CASE...
In an emergency, immediately call for help and remember: Reach, Throw, Row and Go—

REACH the person in trouble by extending a releasable item such as a pole, line or rope to pull them to safety, but not by hand, as the rescuer could quickly become another victim.

THROW an object like a life ring, cooler or plastic jug to keep the victim afloat until professional help arrives.

ROW to the victim using a canoe or other safe watercraft. The rescuer must wear a life jacket. Once the victim is nearby, a rope or paddle should be extended and used to tow the victim to shore if possible.

GO to the victim by entering the water as a last resort and ONLY if properly trained. The rescuer should bring an object to keep the victim afloat and prevent being pulled under.

IN A WATER-RELATED EMERGENCY, IMMEDIATELY CALL 911

NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE
Emergency response
410-260-8888

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING
Report suspicious activity
800-628-9944

CHESAPEAKE BAY HOTLINE
Water hazards & accidents
877-224-7229

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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