

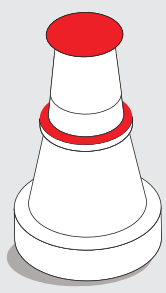


## AVOID COMMON BOATING BLUNDERS

In 2020, boat sales reached a 13-year high,<sup>1</sup> as more people took to the water to enjoy outdoor recreational activities. But with the rise in activity came a jump in boating claims for the year, according to Travelers Boat & Yacht data.

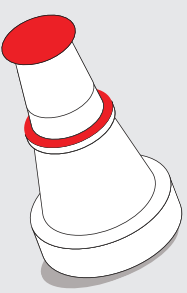
**Be sure to keep basic safety tips in mind to help protect your family, friends and vessel.**

### HERE ARE THE TOP 3 BOATING BLUNDERS OF 2020:



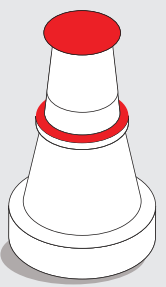
#### Navigating Negligently

**38%** of all Travelers Boat & Yacht claims were the result of collisions,<sup>2</sup> usually with submerged objects. Always stay alert and aware of your surroundings when operating a watercraft.



#### Wild Weather

**16%** of claims were due to damage from windstorms.<sup>3</sup> Monitor your local weather and create a storm preparedness plan you can enact in the event of a tropical storm, hurricane or other inclement weather in your area.



#### Ignored Inspections

**11%** of all claims were due to a mechanical breakdown.<sup>4</sup> Make sure your vessel is shipshape by having it professionally inspected at the start of every season and making any necessary repairs.

## GET ON BOARD WITH BOATING SAFETY

<sup>1</sup>National Marine Manufacturers Association: <https://www.nmma.org/press/article/23527>  
<sup>2,3,4</sup>Travelers Boat & Claim Data 2020

