

ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH. USE IT.



WHAT IS IT?

- Safety mechanism that shuts off the boat's engine
- Also called ECOS, engine cut-off switch, engine cut-off device, man overboard device

WHY USE IT?

- Reduces the risk of a propeller strike
- Stops the engine if the operator falls overboard
- Stops the engine quickly if needed in an emergency
- Protects others from a runaway boat
- Regain control of the boat more quickly
- And, it's the law

DOES MY BOAT HAVE IT?

- Most newer powerboats do

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

It may be a:

- **Lanyard**—Attaches to the boat operator from the installed engine cut-off switch
- **Wireless**—A wristband or key fob can be worn by the operator and passengers

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BOAT LIKE A PRO.



WEAR A LIFE JACKET

Set the example and always wear a life jacket.



USE AN ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH

Stops the boat's engine should the operator, or in some cases even passenger, unexpectedly fall overboard.



KNOW THE ROUTE

Use nautical charts and state and local maps to determine your route, and be aware of markers and hazards.



BE AWARE

Watch for dangers from all directions.



MAINTAIN SAFE SPEED

Follow local regulations, buoys, and signs; your speed may be determined by visibility, weather, and boat traffic.



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