

Infographics

Know Before You Go!

Don't get lured by a clear sky.

Check weather.gov to catch the forecast and know if lightning, strong winds, or other hazards could be heading your way.




Get to Safety if the Weather Looks Threatening


- Thunderstorms pose a hazard for mariners
- They bring heavy rain, strong wind, and dangerous lightning
- Head to port at the first sign of a developing storm




Weather Safety ON THE LAKE



 KNOW THE FORECAST BEFORE HEADING OUT

 HAVE A PORTABLE WEATHER RADIO OR AN AM/FM RADIO IN THE BOAT

 IF SKIES TURN THREATENING, HEAD TO SHORE!



weather.gov/lightning

PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN



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Control and Prevention

Use a Layered Approach for Sun Protection.



Sunscreen works best when used with shade or clothes, and it must be re-applied every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.



Use broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 to protect exposed skin.



Wear a hat, sunglasses, and protective clothing to shield skin.



Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

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Safety Bullets

- **Know Before You Go!** Before visiting the lake, check the latest forecast from www.weather.gov/rnk, or from a trusted weather source. If severe weather is expected, stay home, or go earlier than normal. Be prepared to head to shore quickly!
- **Monitor the Weather.** Have a NOAA Weather Radio, and/or apps that have radar and lightning data. Make sure you have a way to receive weather warnings: www.weather.gov/subscribe.
- **Stop all Activities** when you hear thunder or when weather conditions look threatening. The first lightning strike can come out of a clear blue sky many miles ahead of an approaching thunderstorm cloud.
- **Stay in the Center of the Cabin** if caught in a storm.
- **Keep Arms and Legs in the Boat** if caught in a storm. Do not dangle them in the water. Water conducts electricity from lightning.
- **Disconnect Electronic Equipment** if caught in a storm.
- **Make Sure All Passengers are Wearing Life Jackets**, especially if storms are imminent. Head towards shore if safe and get off the water!

Resource Materials

- Get the latest forecast at: www.weather.gov/rnk
- Recreational Forecast: www.weather.gov/rnk/recreation
- NWS Hazardous Weather Outlook: www.weather.gov/erh/ghwo?wfo=rnk
- Hourly Weather Forecast:
<https://forecast.weather.gov/gridpoint.php?site=rnk&TypeDefault=graphical>
- Severe Weather Forecast: www.spc.noaa.gov/products/outlook/
- Flash Flooding: www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/#page=ero
- Heat Index: <https://go.usa.gov/xtGTA>