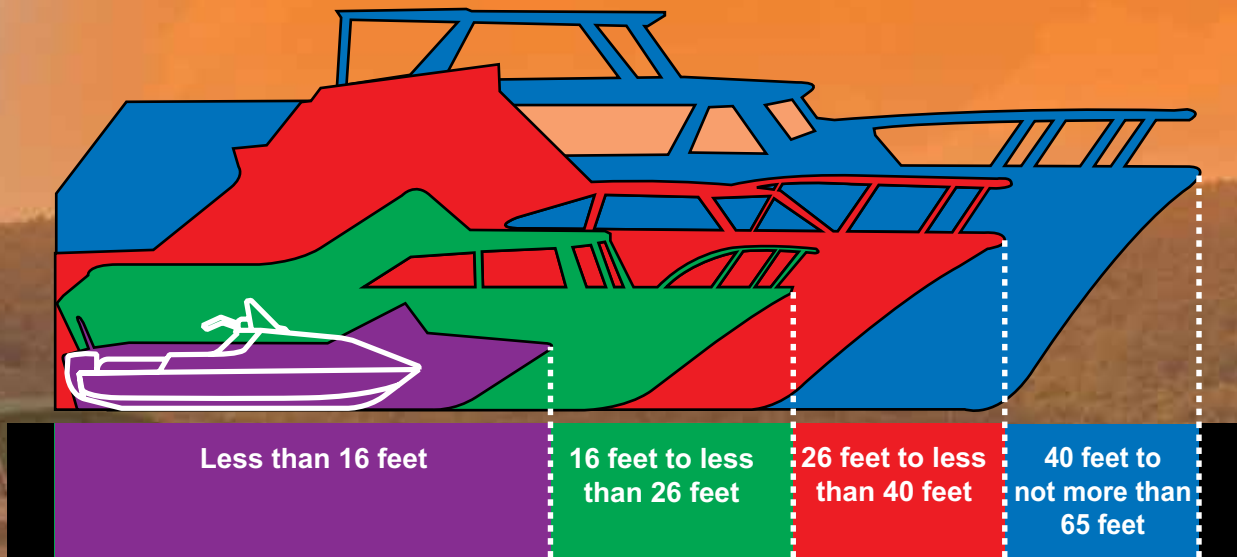


Boats Come in all Shapes and Sizes

There are lots of different kinds of pleasure boats. Some have motors, some don't. Boat motors use gasoline, diesel fuel or electricity for power. Outboard motors clamp on to the back of the boat. Inboard motors are hidden below the deck. Boats without motors are powered by you or by the wind.



Motorboats range from small to very large. Some motorboats are longer than a school bus. Bigger boats need larger, more powerful motors. Some boat motors look like car or truck engines. Boats 16 feet and smaller are very popular in Pennsylvania.

Which boat is right for you?

Like cars, boats are designed and built for certain uses. Some are made to tow water skiers or tubers. Others are made for fishing. There are even boats that act like a floating deck, for picnicking and sunbathing.



If you want to be the motor for your boat, a canoe or kayak is a good choice. Many new boaters start with a canoe or kayak. These boats allow you to get close to fish and wildlife. Paddles are used to move the boat through the water. A jon boat or row boat is rowed with a pair of oars.