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Kayakers, Powerboaters, Rafters, Sailors, and Water Skiers*

## Welcome Aboard!



Welcome to the first issue of *Boat Pennsylvania!*

The goal of *Boat Pennsylvania* is to provide you—Pennsylvania powerboaters, canoeists, kayakers, water skiers, rafters, and sailors—with information to help you enjoy your sport more, participate with ever-increasing safety, and improve your skills.

We'll accomplish this goal by publishing these kinds of feature articles:

- Detailed where-to-go articles that show you everything you need to know to get in on the action, from the explosive waters of the Yough to the tranquil banks of Upper Woods Pond.
- Specific how-to information on all aspects of boating.
- Regular columns that let you know the latest information on Pennsylvania waterways, current details on statewide events and activities, and readers' opinions on water recreation subjects.
- Safety information, which helps you enjoy your sport as much as possible.
- Conservation matters affecting your water environments.

*Boat Pennsylvania* is geared toward water recreationists who are beginners, who are beyond the novice stage, and who are highly proficient. All in all, heads-up water recreationists at all levels of skill and commitment will want to read every issue of *Boat Pennsylvania*.

This premier issue was printed to test the market. If the Fish Commission receives enough subscription requests by way of the special bill-me-later card in this issue and through other flyers, publication will continue with the July/August issue on a regular bimonthly basis, with no interruption in production.

Finally, *Boat Pennsylvania* is your authoritative source on Pennsylvania boating. It's written and produced by local, state, and national experts in all areas of water recreation.

Remember—*Boat Pennsylvania* is a Pennsylvania boater's best friend, offering you the inside information on the most varied boating opportunities in the East, from wilderness canoeing on Pine Creek to deep-water powerboating on Lake Erie. Be sure to become a charter subscriber and be in the know, and check out the special offer on the subscription card in this issue.

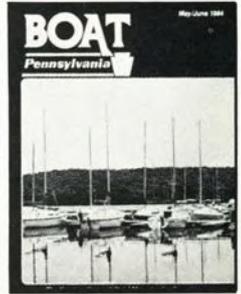
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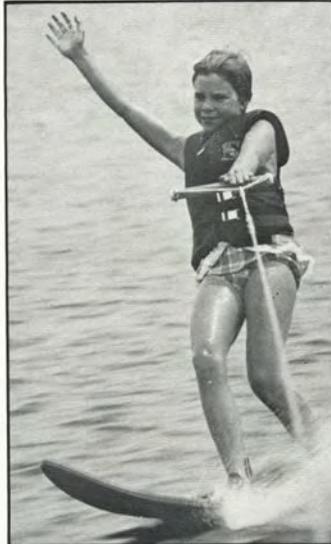
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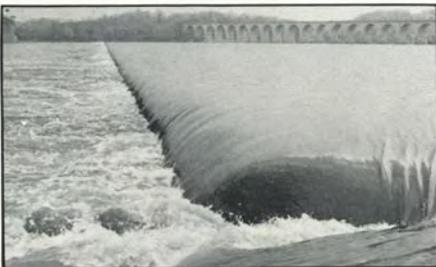
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# Paddling the Young



*Here are details you need to know to paddle this popular river.*

*by Leann R. Diehl*