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## **BOATING SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has over 4,500 miles of rivers, affording almost limitless opportunity for the recreational river user to pursue his interest. On the water, however, the pursuit of happiness should never conflict with common sense and awareness.

The inherent dangers of river activity require that certain precautions be taken. Safety in and on the water is based fundamentally on education and skill. The Pennsylvania Fish Commission meets its responsibility to offer the citizens and guests of the Commonwealth access to the safest, most enjoyable uses of our waterways.

Still, a review of the boating accidents reveals that what usually occurs is an ill-prepared boater finds himself in a situation he is unable to handle. It has become discouragingly apparent that the education of these boaters to the dangers of cold and moving water is an agonizingly slow process. The sad part is that there is information and training available. The Commission's Boating Education Section has a selection of safety pamphlets, in addition to training programs and presentations that can heighten the all-important level of awareness when using our waterways.

All in all, boaters have a responsibility to participate in their sports as safely as they can, and to learn the safety fundamentals appropriate to their sports. You can lead a boater to water, but you cannot *make* him put on a PFD or think "safety."



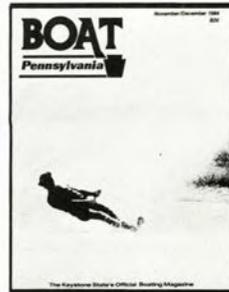
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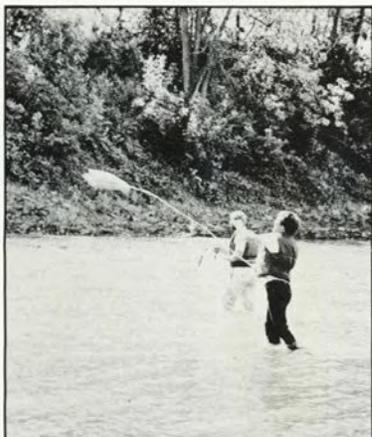
Staff photographer Russ Gettig captured this water skier on film. On page 4 you will find practical ideas on getting in shape all winter long so your water skiing next year can be better than ever. Armchair powerboaters (for the winter) won't want to miss the information beginning on page 7, and if you worry about storage, you'll want to see page 14.



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