## Answers: Across-1. lifejacket, 2. dry, 3. panic; Down- 1. PFD, 2. quickly, 3. thrash

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Boating in the fall and spring can be good fun. The scenery is spectacular and the fishing is great. It can also be dangerous. If you fall in, the shock of the cold water makes you inhale. If your head is under water, you inhale water. Many people drown this way.

To be safe, always wear your life jacket. It helps keep your head above water. With your life jacket on, if you do fall overboard, your hands are free to cover your mouth and nose. This prevents you from inhaling water.

Don't panic or thrash around. The air trapped by your clothes helps keep you warm. If you thrash about, the air will be expelled and replaced by the cold water. Get out of the cold water as quickly as you can and get into dry clothes.

