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### **President's Corner - From BoatUS President, Margaret Podlich**

The striped bass are running here, and last week my teen son and friends got up early (!),  got in the Whaler, and went out on Chesapeake Bay. He filed a text float plan with Mom and Dad; they wore zipped-up life jackets, used the engine cut-off switch, and had a VHF and charged cell phone. Still I made him promise to keep an eye on the weather, and to stay in touch. The end result: a slightly anxious Mom, some very happy guys, and an absolutely delicious bass dinner.

This Boating Safety Week, May 21-27, would you consider a promise to your loved ones? Check your boating safety gear - life jackets, flares and fire extinguishers. Bone up on nighttime lighting requirements and nautical rules of the road by using the nonprofit [BoatUS Foundation's](#) checklists and free online boating safety course (and study materials). If you think you already know the basics, there are more advanced and specialized [boating courses](#), too.

And as a promise to you, BoatUS pledges to be your go-to organization for safe and fabulous boating.

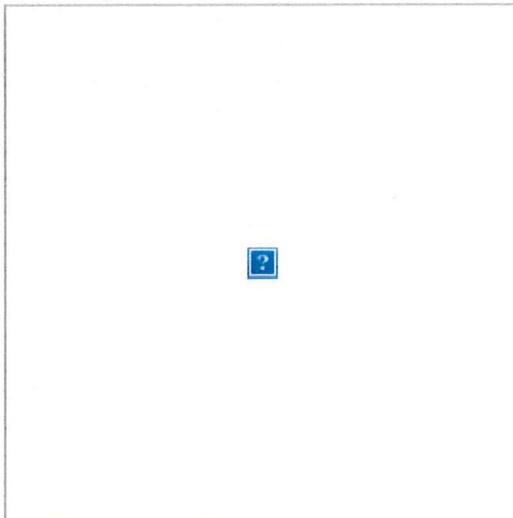
Have fun on the water this week!

Margaret

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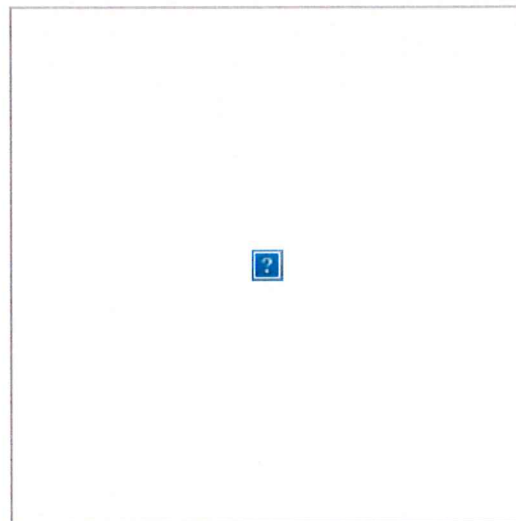
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### **BoatUS Magazine - Trailering Checklist**



Heading out on the road this season? Make sure you are prepped for the journey with this handy checklist.

### **BoatTECH - Installing Hatches and Deck Plates**



No one looks forward to taking a saw to his or her boat, even if the purpose is improvement. But if you want to install a hatch, a ventilator, or a deck plate, that is exactly what you must do. Exercise care and follow these few common sense rules, and the outcome of this particular trauma will be better than satisfactory.

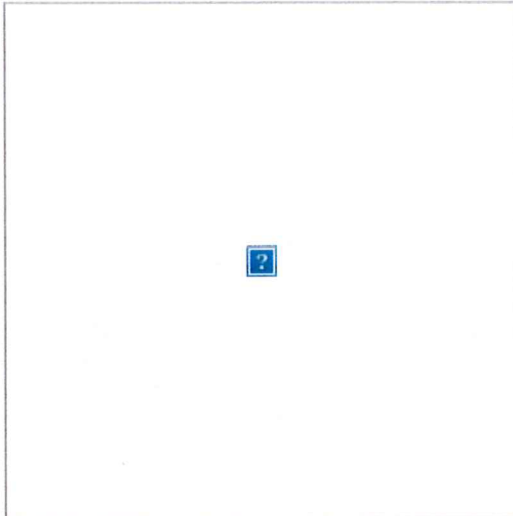
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### **Captain's Corner**

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### BoatUS Catch of the Month

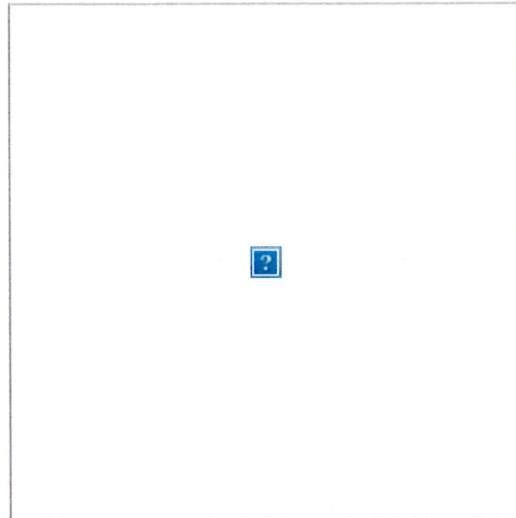


Enter for your chance to fish with Mark Zona, host of "Zona's Awesome Fishing Show" and co-host of the Bassmaster Elite Series! Simply send us a picture of your big fish catch! You can enter once a month and we will pick two winners at the end of May and June. From the four monthly winners, we will then pick a grand prize winner to fish with Zona. Email us your catches at [Catch@BoatUS.com](mailto:Catch@BoatUS.com) and "like" our [Facebook page](#) to see your picture on our fan page!

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### Seaworthy - Avoiding Spring Safety Snafus



#### **Captain Ben Scanlan, [TowBoatUS](#) Newport, CA**

**Favorite Boating Destination:** The Bitter End Yacht Club BVI

**First boat:** 15 ft. Aluminum Jon Boat

**Favorite boating snack:** Rice Krispy Treats

**Favorite boating equipment:** Fishing Gear

**Most Interesting Tow:** A 100 ft. 1929 Classic Fantail

**How do you spend your free time?**

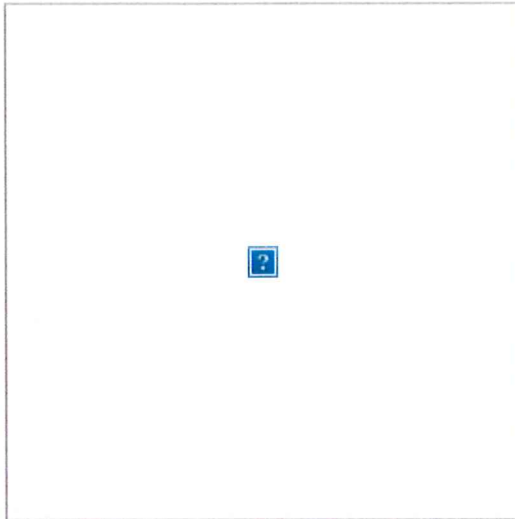
Fishing, scuba diving and spending time with my wife

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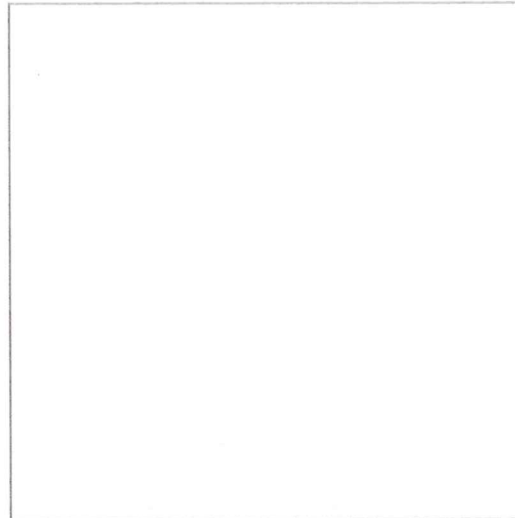
### **Beginner's Guide to Kayaking**

*From West Marine's West Advisor*



Checking off these 10 things before getting out on the water could make your day.

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Kayaking continues to be one of the most popular ways families can get on the water. With just a few simple considerations, anyone can navigate the ocean, explore a lake or fish a river in a kayak. Thanks to their nimble shape, they're easy to maneuver and transport. Plus, it's a great physical activity for the whole family. We'll guide you through the benefits, skills, equipment and safety measures needed so you can start kayaking today.

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### Download the Free BoatUS App

Don't leave the dock without the BoatUS app on your smartphone. Check out these useful features that will come in handy when you're out on the water:

- **NEW!** Improved Member Service Locator that shows where Members can get over 1,000 discounts at marinas & boating businesses nationwide
- View weather and tides
- Share your location on the water with exact coordinates
- See tips & tricks from BoatUS experts
- Call for a tow
- And more!




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## Member Benefits and Savings Corner

### Marina Spotlight

Visit the [Member Services Locator](#) to discover over 1,000 marinas and boating businesses in  the BoatUS Partner Network where you can save on bait and tackle, guides and charters, fuel, transient slips, repairs, and more! Below is just a sampling of the savings. Find more at [BoatUS.com/Map](#).

#### The Harborage at Ashley Marina - Charleston, SC

Members get \$0.05 off per gallon of fuel

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#### Dick Sherrer Marine - Norwalk, CA

Members get 5% off accessories

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#### Harbour Cove Marina - Deale, MD

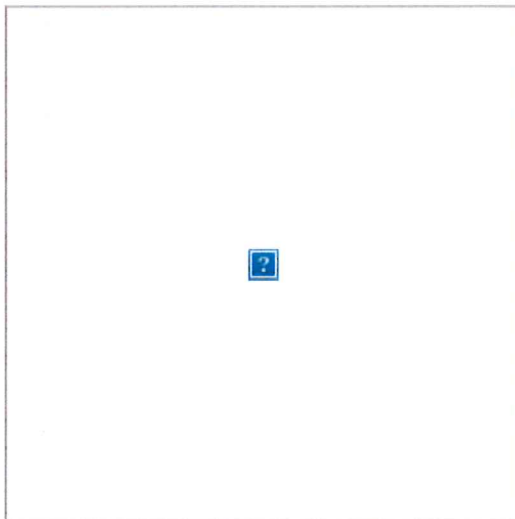
Members get \$0.10 off per gallon of fuel, 10% off slips, 10% off repairs

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#### Lake Whitney Marina - Whitney, TX

Members get \$0.10 off per gallon of fuel

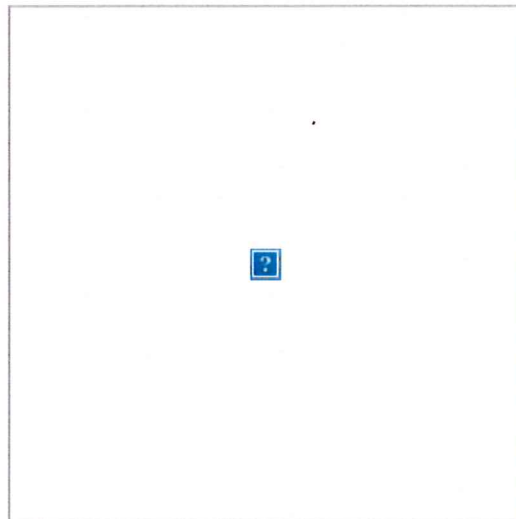
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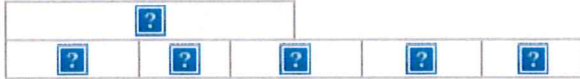
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