



## FAMILY FUN & SAFETY CHECKLIST

### SAFETY CHECKLIST

**P.F.D. Rule**

Children under 13 must wear a USCG-approved PFD while underway (check state laws). Proper fit required.

**The Boundary**

Nostanding while underway, stay inside the rail, and no running on deck. Review before every departure.

**Weather Watch**

Check the marine forecast before departure. Note wind, waves, visibility, and any active advisories.

**Boarding & Exiting**

Engine fully off before anyone gets on or off. No jumping, pushing, or running.

**Emergency Practice**

Show crew where the horn, VHF radio (Ch. 16), and safety gear are stored. Review man-overboard roles.

### CREW ROLES

**Safe Fender Practice**

Kids help inflate, place, deflate, and stow AERÉ fenders during docking and rafting.

**Dock Line Helper**

Younger kids can hold and coil dock lines under adult supervision.

**Snack & Gear Crew**

Pack snacks, sunscreen, towels, and dry bags before departure.

**Boat Sponge Patrol**

Post-trip cleanup builds pride and helps kids care for the boat and gear.

### AGE-BASED ACTIVITIES

**Toddlers  
(2-4)**

PFD at all times. Calm, shallow splash play with direct supervision. Simple boat rules. Join the pre-departure walk-around.

**Kids  
(5-10)**

Fishing, wildlife spotting, and basic chart reading. Learn AERÉ fender basics. Assigned roles: Weather Watcher, Dock Line Helper.

**Teens  
(11+)**

Basic navigation, VHF radio protocol, docking help, and understanding fender size, placement, and spring lines.

### GEAR CHECKLIST

**USCG-approved PFDs** — one per person, fitted and inspected

**AERÉ inflatable boat fenders** — correct size and proper pressure

**AERÉ Fenda-Sox covers** — hull protection and clean dock appearance

**Dock lines** — bow, stern, and spring lines

**VHF marine radio** — charged and monitoring Channel 16

**First aid kit**, sunscreen, drinking water, and dry bags

**Marine weather forecast** checked and float plan filed with a shore contact