

Quiz Answer Sheet

1. Never swim alone. You should always swim with a _____Buddy_____.

Buddy - Never swim alone. Always swim with at least one buddy.

2. Never ___Dive___ into a lake or river.

Dive – You should never dive into a lake, because there could be unseen hazards such as rocks and submerged logs just beneath the surface.

3. If you can't swim, it's wise to __Wear a Life Jacket_____.

Wear a Life Jacket - Life Jackets approved by the U.S. Coast Guard are the only safe swimming aids to use. Air-filled toys and other inflatable devices should not be relied upon to save a life.

4. If a person falls into the water what should you do? ___Reach, Row or Throw but Never Go In____.

Reach, Row or Throw, but Never Go In – Never put yourself in danger by jumping into the water after a swimmer in trouble. Unless you're a trained rescuer, it is likely you will force rescuers to go after you as well.

5. You should never go on a boat if the operator has been drinking alcohol.

True – Being intoxicated is not necessary for alcohol to be a threat to your safety. Just one drink will impair a person's balance, vision, judgment and reaction time, thus making them a potential danger to themselves and others.

6. It's okay for you to stand up straight in a small boat when it's moving.

False – Numerous drownings occur when boats capsize after people stand up and try to move around their boat.

7. A parent or guardian should always supervise children while they are in and around water.

True – Adults should keep a close eye on children when they are in or around water. Young children should be kept at arm's length. Many children do not splash or make noise when they are drowning.

8. When a boat is underway, you should never sit on the boat's gunwales (upper edge of boat's side) or bow (front of boat).

True – Riding on the gunwales and bow of the boat is like riding on the hood of a car. With little protection a person can be easily thrown out of the boat if there is a big wave or the boat takes a sharp turn.