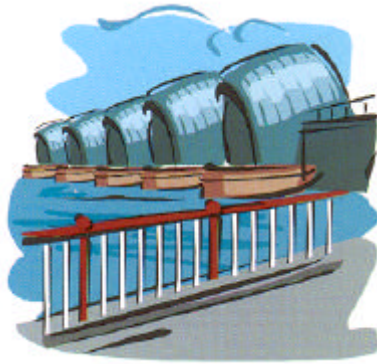


Boaters Can Help Keep Our Waterways Safe and Secure...



Keep your distance from all military, cruise line, or commercial shipping! Do not approach within **100-yards**, and slow to minimum speed within **500-yards** of any U.S. naval vessel. Violators of the Naval Vessel Protection Zone face 6 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, not to mention a quick and severe response. Approaching certain other commercial vessels may result in an immediate boarding.



Observe and avoid all security zones. Avoid commercial port operation areas, especially those that involve military, cruise line or petroleum facilities. Observe and avoid other restricted areas near dams, power plants, etc. Violators will be perceived as a threat, and will face a quick, determined and severe response.



Do not stop or anchor beneath bridges or in the channel. If you do, then expect to be boarded by law enforcement officials.



Keep a sharp eye out for anything that looks peculiar or out of the ordinary. Report all activities that seem suspicious to the local authorities, the Coast Guard and the port or marina security. Do not approach or challenge those acting in a suspicious manner.

Safer boaters help reduce public demands by permitting Marine Patrols to focus their limited resources on Homeland Security.

