

**Boat Smart Chronicles** reads like a great ship's log on recreational boating spanning over two decades. As a long-time Coast Guard rescue responder Tom Rau has meticulously recorded firsthand accounts of boating and water related mishaps.

These accounts include valuable feedback from those rescued and their ordeals. This wealth of boating experiences has evolved into an epic boating safety guide. No matter where you boat or your experience level, the entertaining and revealing **Boat Smart Chronicles** is an absolute must read for all recreational boaters and water enthusiasts.

What Others are Saying:

*While this book concentrates on boating in Lake Michigan, its lessons apply to all boaters everywhere. U.S. Coast Guard Senior Chief Tom Rau's extensive experience in search and rescue and boating safety education is evident. There is a life-saving lesson in every story he tells. Though Tom has retired from the Guard, he will undoubtedly continue to save lives through this book.*

Richard Hubbard  
Marine Author

*To the American boating public: if you are a recreational boater, this book might just save your life.*

Roger E. Dubuc  
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (ret)  
Commander, USCG Group Grand Haven, MI (1997-2001)

*If you're not a far safer boater after reading these unbelievable tales of boater screwups with valuable lessons learned then I urge you to stay off the water if not but for the sake of your loved ones.*

Chief Jeffrey Miller  
USCG (ret), Motor Lifeboat Coxswain, Search and Rescue Station Manager,  
Group Grand Haven Search and Rescue Coordinator

*Regardless of your level of experience with boats or around water, this book will definitely increase your situational awareness of the marine environment and its many challenges and dangers.*

Capt. Dean G. Hobbs  
Past Grand Lodge President - International Ship Masters Association  
Senior Capt. S.S. Badger, Lake Michigan Car Ferry

*Boat Smart Chronicles is an excellent resource for all boaters: paddle, sail, and power. It will encourage you to think about safety practices and what to do during an emergency. Whether new to boating or an old salt, there is much to be learned from Tom's firsthand experiences.*

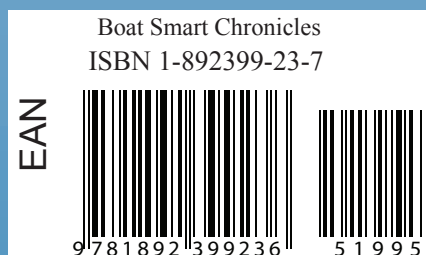
Eric Lind  
Senior Race Officer, United States Sailing Association

*Tom Rau's Boat Smart Chronicles clearly reveal the average recreational boater is dangerously uneducated.*

Captain John Watson  
Society of Marine Surveyors, Michigan DNR Officer (ret)

*Read, laugh and weep, but foremost learn so Lake Michigan doesn't devour you and yours.*

Chief Todd Reed  
USCGR (ret), 30-year Coast Guard Lake Michigan, Motor Lifeboat Coxswain



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### True Cases Of Boating Emergencies And What You Can Learn From These Mishaps

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27 Year Coast Guard Veteran