Teens and young adults are most likely to drown in...

- Lakes
- Canals
- Rivers or Streams
- Oceans
- Reservoirs
- Retention Ponds

70% of the deaths associated with water recreation are caused by alcohol use among adolescents and adults.

15+ years of drownings above the age of 15 happen in natural water.

80% of drowning victims are male.

83% of boating-related drowning death victims were not wearing a life jacket.

Open Water Safety Precautions:

- Know weather and water conditions
- Swim only in a designated area
- Always wear a USCG-approved life jacket when in, on, or around open bodies of water
- Learn to swim
- Always swim near a lifeguard, if possible
- Never swim alone
- Know CPR with rescue breaths
- If struggling with a rip current, swim parallel to shore
- Follow the boating best practices (float plan, pre-departure checklist, know signs of heat stroke, know basic hand signals)

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