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For Your Consideration: Happy Fourth of July Weekend

I had planned to write a peppy, upbeat story about the start of the summer season, but the reports from Florida of [Olympian Trevor Moore's disappearance](#) six days ago has me contemplating. While we don't know exactly what happened, two things resonate with me. First, a Life Jacket saves lives. Some of you may know that my brother drowned off Martha's Vineyard in 1993 in a boat accident. If he was wearing a PFD, he would be alive today. Most clubs are really good about requiring their students to wear PFDs. They are required to participate in Junior sailing, High School sailing, and College sailing. Yet too often, I see instructors and coaches - role models for kids - not wearing them, wearing them unzipped or wearing a buoyancy aids rather than USCG approved PFDs. What a shame.

Second, we as a culture need to get better about using the "kill cord" when we are operating powerboats around sailors. Anytime a boat is moving faster than headway speed, the driver should have the cord attached. Clubs should make sure that the cords are active on all of their power boats and program directors should work with their staff on the expectation of its use.

I know, PFDs and "kill cords" are not the sexy part of teaching sailing and the chance of an incident or accident happening at a SMSA clubs this summer are rare. I am sure that is what Trevor Moore thought too as he headed out into Biscayne Bay on June 25th.



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