

## Parasailing

Coast Guard records show 302 commercial parasailing vessels nation-wide. Of these, approximately 112 are uninspected. From 2002-2010, there have been eight reported deaths associated with parasailing. The latest occurred in September 2010 in Clearwater, FL, when equipment failed in high winds. Currently, no state or federal agency inspects or certifies parasailing equipment and no specific license or endorsement is required for parasailing operations.

The Coast Guard is working diligently with industry partners and other interested stakeholders to raise awareness and develop industry consensus safety standards. Meanwhile, please find the attached [brochure](#) developed by District 5 and Atlantic Area Command outlining basic safety recommendations when operating a parasail vessel.

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