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Coast Guard Publishes Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Installation and Use of Engine Cut-off Switches on Recreational Vessels

The Coast Guard today announced the publication of an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* to improve safety on recreational boats. The advance notice seeks comment on the Coast Guard's proposed requirement of engine cut-off switches as a standard safety feature on propulsion machinery and recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length.

Engine cut-off switches increase safety by turning off a boat's engine when the operator is separated from the controls. Through the proposed rulemaking, the Coast Guard is seeking to prevent boating casualties resulting from individuals being struck by a boat or propeller when the operator has been ejected or falls overboard.

The U.S. Coast Guard encourages the public to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USCG-2009-0206. The comment period closes on September 6, 2011. All comments received will be posted without change.

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