



STOLEN BOATS CANADA

(Non Profit - Public Service)

BOATING SAFETY - SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

The Vancouver Police Marine Unit recently investigated an incident where a PWC jumped the wake of one vessel and crashed into the side of another vessel that the PWC operator appears to have not observed operating in the area. The quick response of the people on board the “struck” vessel and the crew from the Kitsilano Coast Guard base, ensured there was no loss of life. When operating a vessel, it is crucial to take into account the distance you travel per second and the additional distance traveled during the half second reaction sequence. When navigating around other vessels or land formations that obstruct your view, create space and travel at a safe speed that will allow you to manoeuvre or stop your vessel safely to avoid a collision. Keep a constant watch, travel at a safe speed and exercise good Situational Awareness at all times.

