

## Be safety-conscious when enjoying water sports



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## General safety advice on water sports activities

- Before setting sail, take note of the weather forecast and assess whether the sea condition is suitable for water sports activities.
- Always hold the handrail or guard rail when moving along the passageway on the two sides of the vessel.

 While moving around on board, watch out when the vessel rolls due to wind and waves so as to avoid losing balance and falling.

 Beware of getting pinched by a door which may suddenly close when the vessel rolls.

- Do not operate a vessel or engage in water sports after drinking or taking drugs.
- Mind the obstacles and slippery decks on board to avoid bumping into objects or slipping.

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- Beware of the gap between the boat deck and landing steps, gangway, or pier during embarkation and disembarkation. Pay attention to the upward and downward movements of swells. Hold the handrail and mind your steps.
- Pay close attention to the marine traffic nearby and do not stay in busy waters or fairways.