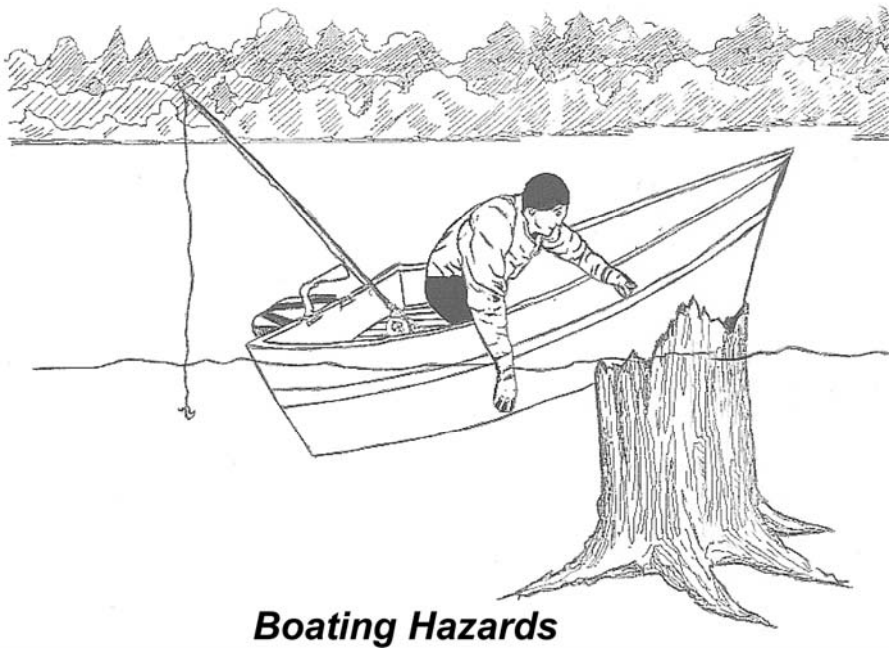
Boating Hazards

Our practice is to remove or mark known boating hazards (such as shoals, stumps, rocks, tree tops, and snags) within marked navigation channels. These hazards are marked with buoys or fixed signs. Where shoals and islands have vegetation visible above the normal pool elevation, signs or buoys are not installed. During drought conditions, periodic inspections of the navigational channels are preformed and any new known hazards marked.

Outside of the channels, shoals, stumps, rocks, or other navigational hazards may be exposed or be lying just beneath the surface– creating potential hazards to boaters, water skiers, and swimmers. This is especially true during periods of lower than normal lake levels. The immense number of potential hazards, along with constantly changing water conditions, prohibits the marking of hazards outside of navigational channels.

Boaters are urged to use caution at all times but particularly when operating in unfamiliar areas of outside marked navigational channels. Please obey posted signs, markers, and navigational aids– they are there for your safety.

To keep you informed, the Corps has developed a “Drought Information” website at http://www.sam.usace.army.mil. Check it out for the latest lake level, projections, boat ramp closures, news releases, and more!