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Summertime Fun and Watercraft Danger

When temperatures soar, many people hit the water—and not just to swim. Boating, jet skiing, and water skiing, among other activities, are popular on the nation's lakes, rivers, and oceans. Most outings are fun and create lasting memories, but accidents do happen, sometimes as a result of negligence.

Many watercraft accidents result from factors similar to auto accidents: speeding, recklessness, operator inexperience, and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A collision with another watercraft, hitting a wave at an unsafe speed or angle, striking a submerged object, and lack of familiarity with a waterway can lead to serious injury.

Boats can capsize, sink, or lose passengers overboard (frequently without life jackets). If jet skiers are struck in a collision, they are even more vulnerable to serious injuries, as they are more exposed. Water skiers are at the mercy of boat drivers and observers. Accidents on the water also have the added risks of drowning and hypothermia.

Operator error is not the only cause of watercraft injuries. For instance, rental companies might not properly maintain the watercraft or equipment they rent out, creating hazards. Commercial businesses (e.g., fishing expeditions, water-sports operators, etc.) may employ unqualified or inadequately trained workers. Product manufacturers can be held liable for defectively manufactured or designed products that lead to crashes or other harmful events.

If you are injured in a watercraft accident through no fault of your own, contact a personal injury or product liability attorney. They will protect your rights and pursue fair compensation for your injuries and damages. •



Red, White, and Blue Mocktail

Want a simple way to make a stunning patriotic display for summer picnics? Try a red, white, and blue mocktail! It provides a refreshing drink to sip on a hot day and looks amazing in the process.

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ c. fresh raspberries or strawberries (your choice of red!)
- ¾ tsp. grenadine
- 2 Tbsp. club soda
- crushed ice
- lemon-lime soda
- fresh blueberries

PREPARATION

- This is a drink you build from the ground up.
- Place your red fruit in the bottom of a tall glass, then drizzle with grenadine.
- Add the club soda.
- Fill the glass the rest of the way with crushed ice (your white).
- Very slowly pour in the lemon-lime soda. Doing so too quickly will mix things up a bit too much and mar the aesthetic.
- Top with blueberries. ●



A Revolutionary Friendship

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson met at the Second Continental Congress in 1775 and worked together on the committee tasked with drafting the Declaration of Independence. Though seemingly an odd pairing—Jefferson was tall, elegant, and philosophical; Adams was short, stocky, blunt, and combative—they forged a strong friendship ... and rivalry.

The friendship deepened in the 1780s, when both men were appointed to European diplomatic posts: Jefferson in France, Adams in Great Britain. During this time, Jefferson lost his wife, Martha, and was consoled by Adams and his wife, Abigail, who considered him part of the family.

Their friendship weathered the storms of their differing political philosophies on the role of the federal government and their opposing positions on the French Revolution, among others ... until they both decided to run for president.

In 1796, Adams, a Federalist, ran against Jefferson, a member of the Democratic-Republican Party, and emerged victorious. Jefferson, with the second-most votes, served as vice president, which was the practice then. Unsurprisingly, their friendship soured.

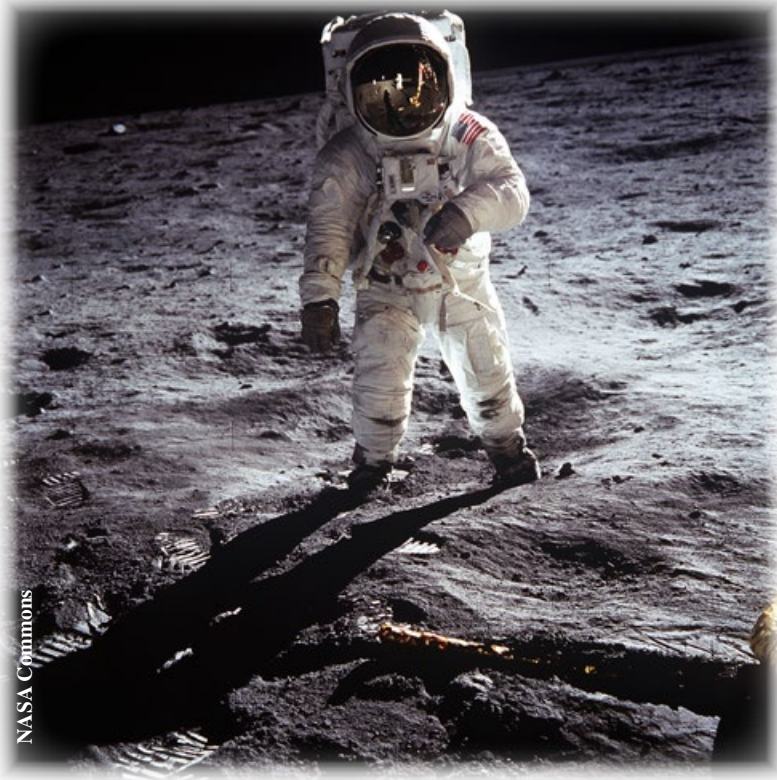
In 1800, Jefferson and Adams squared off again. The campaign mudslinging between the candidates' camps was fierce. Jefferson also hired a shady journalist to plant false stories about Adams in the press. Ultimately, Jefferson prevailed in this go-round.

On the way out, Adams appointed a number of Jefferson's political enemies to high office, greatly irritating Jefferson. Their friendship was in tatters for the next 12 years.

A mutual friend helped them reestablish contact in 1812. For the next 14 years, they commiserated, reminisced, reflected, expressed regrets, and swapped perspectives through written correspondence.

Both men passed away a mere five hours apart—ironically, on July 4, 1826. In many ways, their friendship mirrored the peaks and valleys of the new nation they helped to establish. ●

‘That’s One Small Step for [a] Man ...’



Fifty years ago, on July 20, 1969, humans first set foot on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission. It was a stunning achievement in technology and exploration that mesmerized over 600 million viewers worldwide.

Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface first; Buzz Aldrin joined him 20 minutes later. Michael Collins, who often gets lost in the shuffle, piloted the orbiting command module.

Armstrong carried with him a piece of wood and fabric from a plane flown by the Wright brothers ... an ode to the progress in air travel from 1903–1969. These artifacts reside at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Nearly all the photos taken during the astronauts’ stay on the moon featured Buzz Aldrin. Armstrong had the main camera, Aldrin had orders to focus his camera on other matters, and selfies weren’t a thing yet.

The crew was unable to purchase life insurance. Traveling to, landing on, then returning from another

celestial body 240,000 miles away for the first time in history tends to make that dicey. Instead, the astronauts signed a ton of autographs that their families could sell upon their potential demise.

As a testament to “efficient” government, the astronauts had to sign customs forms upon their return home, declaring the moon rocks and dust samples they brought with them.

Although radio interference and a Midwestern accent obscured an important one-letter word in the famous quote delivered by Armstrong, linguistics experts now confirm what Armstrong claimed all along: He actually said, “That’s one small step for ‘a’ man, one giant leap for mankind.” Makes more sense, and the man on the moon said so. •

July 2019 Notable Dates

July 3 – National Eat Your Beans Day

July 7 – National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day

July 12 – National Simplicity Day

July 15 – National Give Something Away Day

July 20 – National Moon Day

July 24 – National Drive-Thru Day

July 27 – National Day of the Cowboy

July 29 – National Chicken Wing Day



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Hounded on the Job



Dogs bite millions of Americans each year, and many victims are bitten while on the job. Postal carriers, meter readers, landscapers, food-delivery employees, and home-maintenance workers are just a few examples of people whose jobs more frequently lead to canine encounters. Dustups can happen on a homeowner's property, or away from it.

If an employee is bitten or knocked down by a dog and suffers injury while working, they frequently are able to file a workers' compensation claim through their employer. A successful claim will cover medical bills associated with their injury, a portion of their regular salary (frequently two-thirds), and possibly costs for rehabilitation and retraining.

In many situations, however, you may also be able to file a personal injury claim against the dog's owner. This is important for covering costs that workers' compensation does not pay for, such as the remainder of your full salary, expenses for others to take care of household chores while you

recover, and costs for pain and suffering in some circumstances. The workers' compensation insurance company may be entitled to part of a personal injury settlement to recoup some benefits they paid or will pay.

A critical element in a personal injury claim is negligence. If a dog has the opportunity to sink its teeth into a worker's flesh or knock them down, the dog's owner will frequently be found negligent—unless the dog was provoked (e.g., teased, tail was stepped on, etc.).

If you are injured by a dog in the course of your employment, report the incident to your employer and contact a personal injury attorney to protect your rights. ●