

# **NOTICE:** **NEW CHILD LIFE JACKET LAW**



**Effective as of July 4, 2006**

**46-22-9.2 FLOTATION DEVICES - CHILDREN.** – Any person transporting a child under thirteen (13) years of age in a recreational vessel less than sixty-five (65) feet in length on the waters of this state shall require that the child wear a personal flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard when underway, unless below deck or in a closed cabin.

The **RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement** is going to use the rest of this season to insure that the boating public is aware of this change to the existing law. We will be changing all of our boating safety publications and boating safety course material to reflect the change.

**Environmental Police Officers** will be enforcing the old statute (under 11) for the rest of the 2006 boating season and at the same time making the boaters aware of the new change.