

# EMILY'S CODE



## Emily's Code aims to save lives of people at sea

WEAR A SUITABLE LIFEJACKET OR BUOYANCY AID  
SERVICE EQUIPMENT  
GET TRAINED  
MAKE A PLAN  
KNOW YOUR LIMITS  
CARRY DISTRESS SIGNALS

USE THE KILL CORD  
KNOW YOUR BOAT  
HAVE A RADIO  
CHECK THE WEATHER

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**Emily's Code** aims to prevent accidents at sea by highlighting key safety messages and leaves a legacy in memory of 14-year-old Emily Gardner.

On 2nd May 2015, Emily drowned in a boating accident due to an ill-fitting buoyancy aid snagging on the cleat of a capsized speedboat. Emily's Code highlights some of the hazards that contributed to Emily's accident. Her parents are launching the code with the support of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) to raise awareness for small boat owners and users.

Emily's parents Clive & Debbie Gardner said: "Many parents like us have no awareness of recreational boating safety guidelines and have never used a boat before. When Emily went on a day trip with her friends, we were reassured that safety was paramount and that the equipment was top notch. If just one family sees this and takes action to protect their children on the water, then Emily's Code will have succeeded and Emily's name will live on. Something as easy as checking that your lifejacket or buoyancy aid fits properly can save your life. So be smart and follow Emily's Code."

The RYA helped to launch the code at their national boat show in March. RYA Director of Training and Qualifications, Richard Falk, said: "We have been working to spread safety messages for many years, including making sure that you have a radio to call for help, which people can easily forget. Emily's story and now her Code will help people to understand that forgetting key safety points can have serious consequences."

Richard Graham, the Gardners' MP in Gloucester said: "Emily's is a very sad story but I hope that something lasting and positive can come out of it with Emily's Code and I hope that parents will stop and teach this to their children. If every household takes safety more carefully, that would be a great result. When summer comes around and you head for a boat, stop and think of Emily's Code."

Sarah Wollaston, the MP for Brixham Harbour where the incident took place said: "Debbie and Clive have shown great courage in their campaign to prevent other families suffering from their own terrible loss and I hope Emily's Code will help others to think twice about the dangers and to improve safety at sea."

**Emily's Code comes about as the result of close work by her parents Clive and Debbie Gardner, their campaign supporter Cheryl Brown, Richard Graham MP and the Royal Yachting Association.**

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