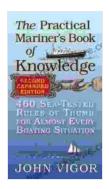
# 460 Sea Tested Rules of Thumb for Almost Every Boating Situation

Boating is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with family and friends. But it's important to remember that boating can also be dangerous. That's why it's important to be prepared for any situation that may arise on the water.



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The following 460 sea tested rules of thumb will help you stay safe and have a fun time on the water.

## **Anchoring**

- Always anchor in a sheltered area, away from wind and waves.
- Use enough rode to allow your boat to swing freely with the tide and current.

- Set your anchor at a 45-degree angle to the bottom.
- Use a snubber to reduce the strain on your anchor rode.
- Check your anchor regularly to make sure it is holding.

## **Docking**

- Approach the dock slowly and carefully.
- Use fenders to protect your boat from damage.
- Tie your boat securely to the dock cleats.
- Leave enough room between your boat and the next boat so that you can move around safely.
- Be aware of the wind and current when docking.

#### Weather

- Always check the weather forecast before you go boating.
- Be aware of the signs of approaching storms.
- If you are caught in a storm, seek shelter immediately.
- Wear a life jacket at all times when you are on the water.
- Have a float plan and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

# **Emergencies**

- Stay calm and assess the situation.
- Call for help immediately.

 Use your emergency equipment, such as flares, a whistle, and a life raft.

Abandon ship if necessary.

 Follow the instructions of the Coast Guard or other emergency responders.

**Other** 

Always wear a life jacket when you are on the water.

 Have a float plan and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Be aware of your surroundings and other boats.

Obey the rules of the road.

Be courteous to other boaters.

By following these rules of thumb, you can help ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

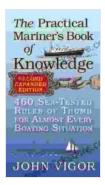
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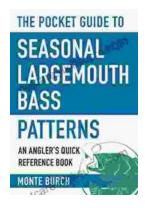
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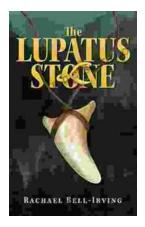
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