



Available Courses

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About Boating Safely (8 hours)

This course covers the basics of recreational boating. Topics include Boat Education, Boating Safety, Boating Law and Regulation. Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded a NYS certificate.

NY State law requires the successful completion and passing of America's Boating Safely Class if you operate a personal watercraft, regardless of your age, or if you wish to operate a motorboat and you are at least 10 years old and less than 18 years old.

GPS For Mariners (3 hours)

This class is a modern learning experience that focuses on how to use the GPS equipment typically owned by the recreational boater. Recommended that you bring your GPS to class, but it is not required.

Suddenly In Command (4 hours)

The captain becomes incapacitated or falls overboard; you purchase a new boat and step aboard for the first time. You are *Suddenly In Command*. This 4-hour boating safety primer is designed for those not generally at the helm, and will help you to "be prepared" with the basics in case of an emergency. You will learn about your vessel, including nomenclature and operating principles including starting the engine. Also included are descriptions of what causes boating mishaps and how to minimize them, basic boat handling and what equipment should be on board. Literature contains many horror stories about a passenger, who does not know how to start the engine or operate the radio, watching in horror as a strong wind blows the boat away faster than a captain who has fallen overboard can swim.

Misfortune occurs in seconds, and you have the rest of your life to be grateful that you knew what to do because you were prepared.

Personal Watercraft Course (1 hour)

The purpose of the course and its associated text, Personal Watercraft Rider's Handbook, is to teach that PWCs are true boats and that their skippers have the same legal responsibilities, and should learn the "rules of the road, to the same degree as any other boater." Individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates and cards. Because of its brevity, it is not approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) nor is it approved by most of the states which require formal instruction in order to operate a boat. Our Boating Skills & Seamanship course is more appropriate for meeting legal requirements.

Boating Fun (1 hour)

Adventure on the Water, was written in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is a storybook/coloring book (targeted to children in Grades K-3) with pictures that are suitable for making overhead transparencies. A guide to the safe boating messages in the book, as well as a list of activities (with short explanations), can be found on Pages 1-2.

Weekend Navigator (8 –13 lessons)

Course is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice powerboat and sailboat operators. The course is divided into two major parts designed to educate the boating enthusiast in skills required for a safe voyage on a variety of waters and boating conditions. Topics include What is navigation, the tools of navigation, planning with GPS, paper or digital charts, navigating with radar, navigating under adverse conditions.

Sailing Skills and Seamanship (8 –13 lessons)

This is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice sailboat operators. Topics include Basic Sailboat Maneuvering, Rules of the Nautical Road, Inland Boating, Introduction To Navigation, Lines and Knots, Weather And Sailing.

Boating Skills and Seamanship (8 –13 lessons)

This comprehensive course is designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The course consists of 8 core required two hour lessons plus five elective lessons, providing up-to-date knowledge for handling boats in all conditions. Topics include equipment, handling, trailering your boat, inland boating, lines and knots.

Reading Nautical Charts (3 hours)

At sea there are no streets, no separate areas, no differences from abutting or surrounding areas. With no land mass over the horizon, everything looks the same. For navigating at sea, we use a chart. By knowing our latitude and longitude, we can locate our position anywhere on earth. Navigators must also be warned of dangerous areas, leading them through safe passages and directing them within set patterns to prevent collisions. For this, Aids to Navigation are depicted on nautical charts. Other available information on nautical charts includes, but is not limited to, depth of water, bottom type, magnetic variations affecting the compass, chart scales, and intertidal information. This course will provide the navigator with the knowledge to interpret the chart's contents to navigate safely to their destination and return to port. Text and training chart included.

Paddle Sports America (4 hours)

Canoeists and kayakers are boaters also. Now, there is a course available to address the unique needs of this audience. Paddlesports America is an exciting safety course designed to attract the novice paddle enthusiasts. This four-hour course presents five chapters of safety information. Topics include know your paddleboat, operating your boat safely.

Waypoints (1-3 hours)

Targeted to youth in grades 4-6, *Waypoints - A Guide to Boating Safely*, was written in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers. Its look and reading style, as well as the "One Minute Mysteries," which foster discussion, appeal to the 10-12 year old age range. It includes many of the main points of our adult 8-hr Boating Safely Course.