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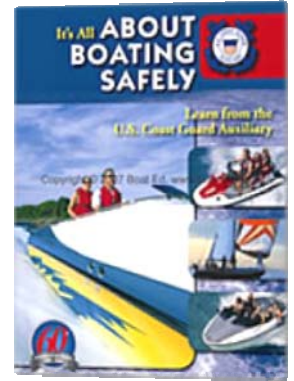
Need Your Boating Education Certificate?

The **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary** is proud to offer *About Boating Safely*, their new boating education course. This boating education course is designed to be an introductory course to meet the boating education needs of recreational boaters, satisfying the boating education requirement of most state's laws.

A Boat Safety Course You Can Trust!

Taking *About Boating Safely*, adopted by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, will satisfy the state requirements for mandatory boater safety education.

When you review your state's laws and regulations, you will be confident you are staying current and staying safe. Even if you have been boating for many years, you can always learn something new 'about boating safely!'



Topics Include

- **Introduction to Boating** - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.
- **Boating Law** - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.
- **Boat Safety Equipment** - Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment.
- **Safe Boating** - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.
- **Navigation** - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."
- **Boating Problems** - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.
- **Trailing, Storing and Protecting Your Boat** - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.
- **Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating** - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

Course Dates & Times

March 27th, 2010 8:30 am – 4:30 pm *Course Fee \$35.00 Per Person to be paid at time of class or in advance at Heritage Harbor.

The above class will be held at Heritage Harbor Corporate Office, 1851 Old Chicago Road, Ottawa, IL 61350 Phone: 815-433-5000.

For more information on course dates & times or to register, please visit <http://www.HeritageHarborOttawa.com> or contact Jeff Rhoades by email at Jeff.Rhoades@Comcast.net or Phone at 630-605-8397, or Sherri Cutler of Heritage Harbor at SherriC@HeritageHarborOttawa.com or Phone 815-433-5000.

