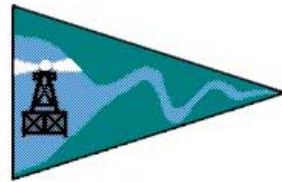




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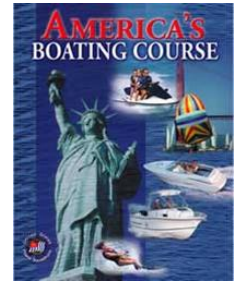
Safe Boating Class

Open to the Public

The time is now to get your boat and yourself ready for the upcoming boating season. The best thing you can do is become knowledgeable of how to boat safely before you take to the water.

America's Boating Course®

Learn to skipper a boat with confidence. Whether you are a Hunter, Fisherman, Sailor, Skier, or Wake-boarder, this course will help you improve your skills in topic areas that include general information about boats and maintenance, information to make your boating experience safer and more comfortable, tips on being a more courteous boat operator, and laws and regulations to which you must adhere. Why should you take this course? See Requirements below.



Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. This requirement does not apply to law enforcement officers while engaged in their official duties. The requirement for boating safety education is phased-in over several years and applies to all PWC operators and operators of motorboats of 10hp and greater according to the following schedule:

1. PWC operators 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2009;
2. PWC operators 35 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2010;
3. PWC operators 50 years of age or younger and motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2011;
4. All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012;
5. Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013;
6. Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014;
7. Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015;
8. All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

	Schedule of Classes	Dates	March 7, 2009 (1 Saturday session)
		Time	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
		Location	Suffolk Fire Station #5, 3901 Bridge Road, (Rt. 17) Suffolk, 23435
Dates	March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2009 (4 Wednesday sessions)	Dates	March 14, 21, 2009 (2 Sat 1/2 day-sessions)
Time	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Time	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location	Main Street Methodist Church, 202 N. Main St, Suffolk, 23434	Location	Gatling Pointe Yacht Club, 903 Gatling Pointe Pkwy, Smithfield 23430
		Future events	Fall, 2009: Franklin, VA
		TBD	August, 2009: Marina