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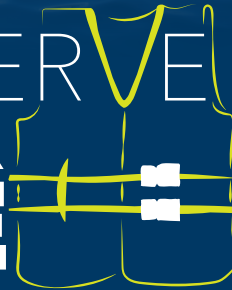
Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 is required by N.C. law to complete a boater safety education course in order to operate a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater on public waters?

For more information or to sign up for a boating safety course, visit NCWILDLIFE.ORG/BOATERED or call **919-707-0030**.



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PRESERVE YOUR LIFE



Don't be a statistic.
ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET.

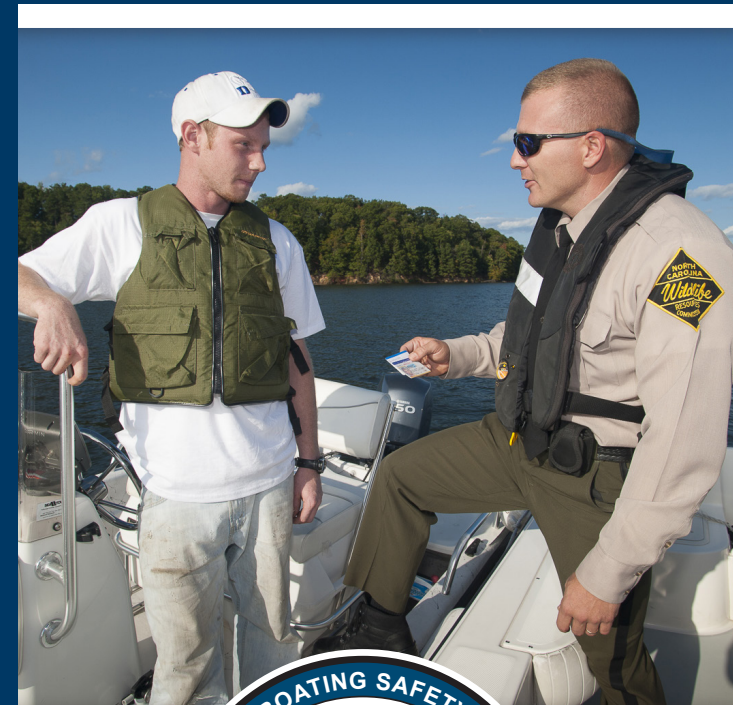
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Boating Safety Education FAQ



How do I enroll in a course?

The Commission offers free classes across the state. To find a class near you, visit ncwildlife.org/boatered or call 919-707-0030. Courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron and online providers, such as BoatEd.com, BoaterExam.com and BoatCourse.com, may include a fee.



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Does the law apply to personal watercraft?

Yes. Anyone 14 years of age or older can operate a personal watercraft if they have successfully completed an approved boating safety education course, or are riding with a person who is at least 18 years old that is in compliance with the Boating Education Requirement Law.



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Can a youth operate my boat with me onboard?

Yes, if you are at least 18 years old and in compliance with the law. You must be in direct on-board supervision of the youth and ready to assume control of the vessel at all times.

Is a course required for out-of-state boaters?

Not if your visit is less than 90 days long and you meet the requirements of your home state.

If I was born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 and buy a new or used boat, do I need to complete a course before I can legally take the boat out?

A temporary registration card, or notarized bill of sale/transfer of ownership, will serve as proof of compliance for 90 days. After that, a Boating Safety Certificate must be acquired.

If I have completed a course in another state, do I need to take one in N.C.?

No matter when or where you took a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators-approved course, the training is valid in N.C.

Should I keep my certification card?

Yes. Upon the request of a wildlife law enforcement officer, vessel operators must present a certification card or proof of compliance.

How do I get a replacement certificate?

If you took a NCWRC course, call 919-707-0031. For other courses, contact the provider.



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For more information on general boating laws and regulations, visit ncwildlife.org/boatingregs