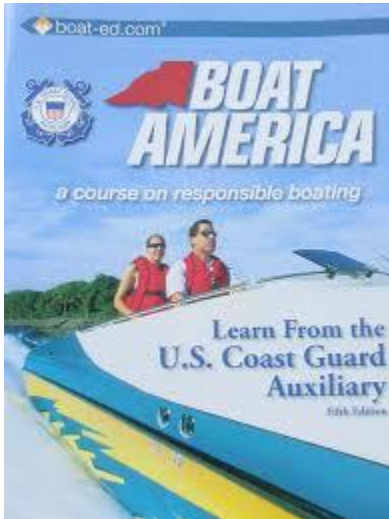


United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Boat America Class-Reservations

We are now taking reservations for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary "Boat America" class at the Taunton Yacht Club on September 6, 2025 Saturday. The all day class will be presented by U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla 6-3 Onset-Wareham-Marion.

Reservations are required by Saturday August 23rd 2025. Seating is limited to Thirty(30). This is a first come first serve event.

Absolutely no walk-ins allowed. To make your reservations contact: Howard Bibeault at email hsbmdb@aol.com or text to 401-265-0207, listing each individual participant and their legal

names for the certificate. This name should match your driver's license. Anyone twelve(12) years of age or older may attend. Please indicate the age if anyone participating is between twelve(12) and sixteen(16).

This is an all day class, with sign in at 08:30(8:30am) sharp. Payment of \$30.00 per person, cash or check(sorry no credit cards), will be required at sign in, when materials will be distributed. The class will run from 0900(9am) to 1700(5pm). Most all day classes run through lunch. Please brown bag your lunch and any snacks as well as anything else you may need for the day. You may want a pad to write additional notes on, as well as your favorite writing pen.

The class includes a fifty(50) question test. Those participants age twelve(12) to sixteen(16) must take an additional ten(10) question state test to receive their safe boating certificate.

"Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate."

Topics include: Introduction to Boating, Boating Law, Safety Equipment, Safe Operation and Navigation, Boating Emergencies, Trailering, Sports and Boating.

New law will require **all boaters** to complete or have completed a safe boating class regardless of past experience or years on the water. Starting April 1, 2026, all motorized vessel operators must complete a state-approved education course to enhance safety across Massachusetts' waterways. If you have completed a class and have your safe boater card or certificate from a previous safe boating class you will not have to take the class again.

The law has a specific time frame for compliance with the safe boating class requirement;

****If you were born after January 1, 1989**, you must complete the course by April 1, 2026, with no penalties assessed until September 1, 2026.

****If you were born on or before January 1, 1989**, you'll have until April 1, 2028, to complete the course.