

## OUR COURSES

In support of the U. S. Coast Guard, the Auxiliary offers a variety of basic and advanced courses that are aimed at educating recreational boaters on safe boating practices. Our courses are taught by knowledgeable and experienced instructors who can explain boating regulations and safe practices. Being instructor led, you are able to ask questions, and get information on local boating conditions and hazards. Instructor Aids are used to see and touch key boating gear. Depending on the specific course, there may be a briefing by the Coast Guard or law enforcement on how local boaters get into trouble and most common findings during boardings.

## OUR INSTRUCTORS

Our cadre of Instructors is knowledgeable, experienced boaters who work closely with the Coast Guard and local law enforcement. Each has been certified as an Instructor after passing rigorous training and passing security clearance. Our instructors are committed to the highest standards of the U. S. Coast Guard.

## FINDING BOATING COURSES

To find Auxiliary boating courses near you, go to [www.BoatingCourses.us](http://www.BoatingCourses.us) and enter your zip code.

Or contact your local Auxiliary Flotilla.

## Today's "AUXILIARY"

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard ("USCG") and was established on June 23, 1939 by an act of Congress as the United States Coast Guard Reserve. Congress authorized the Auxiliary to support all USCG missions, other than those related to direct engagement in either law enforcement activities or military combat operations. Our missions include safety patrols, search & rescue, regattas, ATON verification, vessel safety checks and public education.

## COME JOIN OUR RANKS!

Today's U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with nearly 32,000 men and women, is a unique force that carries out an array of responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment.

**Become a member of the greatest volunteer organization in the world...**  
[join.cgaux.org/index.php](http://join.cgaux.org/index.php)



## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has certified Vessel Examiners who will perform a free Vessel Safety Check

at your boat at a time of mutual convenience.

**To request a free VSC, go to**  
[www.safetyseal.net](http://www.safetyseal.net)

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## Boating Safety Classes

- Basic
- Advanced
- Seminars



## BASIC COURSES



These courses cover the basics of safe boating and will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification (including PWCs) in many states.

**ABOUT BOATING SAFELY (ABS)** is an eight hour classroom course that covers nautical terms, boating law, safety equipment, boat handling, navigation, dealing with emergencies, trailering, and water sports.

### **BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP**

**(BS&S)** is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The course consists of 8 core, required, two-hour lessons plus five elective lessons, providing guidance for handling boats in all conditions.

### **SAILING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP (SS&S)**

is a course for operators of sailboats.

### **BASIC BOAT HANDLING (BBH),**

a multimedia course, covers boat handling techniques especially important for close-quarter maneuvering such as docking.

## YOUTH

Safe boating programs are available to schools and youth groups. Contact your Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla to arrange.

## ADVANCED SEMINARS

**MODERN MARINE NAVIGATION** is an on-line interactive self-study course for boaters who wish to learn how to navigate on the water. It covers a variety of nav tools, including the use of the latest electronic tools. Contact your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla to take the course and learn navigation skills.



**WEEKEND NAVIGATOR** is an instructor-led course designed to give the rudiments of navigation by using GPS/chartplotters, and the back-up skill using charts, plotting tools, and dead-reckoning. Other navigation aids such as radar, electronic compasses, and depth sounders are also covered.

**GPS FOR MARINERS** is designed for students desiring to learn fundamental nautical GPS skills. Basic navigation skills are included.

## SPECIALIZED SEMINARS

**PADDLE SPORTS AMERICA** is a four-hour



seminar that addresses the unique needs of canoeists and kayakers, particularly novices.

**A PADDLER'S GUIDE TO SAFETY** is for new paddlers, was developed with the American Canoe Association, and can be tailored to a specific paddle sport.

**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT COURSE** teaches the same "rules of the road" and other legal obligations that apply as any other boater.

## SEAMANSHIP SEMINARS



### **LINES AND KNOTS FOR YOUR BOAT**

–Kinds of rope; making up line; knots, bends and hitches; splices; securing lines; dipping the eye.

**WEATHER AND SAILING** – Sources of weather info; wind/waves and boating; dealing with heat and fog; non-frontal weather.

**YOUR BOAT'S RADIO** – Marine radios; licenses; installation; rules of radio operation; channels; some "no no's"; calling another station; procedure words; phonetic alphabet; routine radio check; distress, urgency, and safety calls.

**INLAND BOATING** – Types of inland waters; inland navigation; inland seamanship; river currents; maintaining inland waterways; dams; locks; river charts; commercial traffic; before you go.

**SAILING SAFETY** –Man overboard; cold water immersion; sharing the water with other boats; fueling; carbon monoxide poisoning; sources of weather info.

## FOR THE "FIRST MATE"

**SUDDENLY IN COMMAND:** The captain of a vessel becomes incapacitated or falls overboard. You are the obvious person to take over, and you are Suddenly In Command. This 2-4 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.