

BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE

If you have already completed an acceptable Boating Safety Course, a copy of your Boating Safety certificate may be attached to your membership application. If you have taken a course, but cannot produce this certificate or obtain a replacement, then it is considered as if you have never taken one. You would then need to retake the course.

The Boating Safety Certificate is required for you to change your status to “BQ” (Basically Qualified), this in turn is required in the event you wish to become an Instructor (for boating classes and member training), Vessel Examiner (inspection of privately owned vessels), Crew, Coxswain and Air Observer (patrols to assist the Coast Guard or publicly sponsored events via Coast Guard orders).

Boating Classes are given throughout the year by various Flotillas. After completion of the course, a copy of the certificate should be forwarded by the Flotilla Commander to the Director’s Office (Diraux) Attn Karen Wagner (an electronic copy via email is acceptable). Your status will be changed from Initially Qualified (IQ) to Basically Qualified (BQ).

The following courses are acceptable for Auxiliary Basically Qualified (BQ) Status:

1. *Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S)*
2. *America's Boating Course (ABC)*
3. *About Boating Safely (ABS)*
4. *Sailing Fundamentals (SF)*
5. *Sailing Skills and Seamanship (SS&S)*
6. *Boating Safely Circular (BSC)*
7. *U.S. Power Squadrons (USPS) Boating or Boat Smart Course*
8. *A State boating safety course (minimum eight-hour duration and other than child-specific)*

Please note that there are no refunds on boating classes for auxiliary membership enrollment applications that are denied by the United States Coast Guard.