

Nebraska Law

- As of January 1, 2004, all boat operators under age 18 must have completed a boating safety course. This includes the operators of Personal Watercraft (PWC) Classes are offered through the state. The course is six hours long with a proctored exam and you must have 75% to pass. Check the boating web site www.outdoornebraska.org/boating for class schedules or check with any District Office. We only accept an out of state certification for non-residents, Nebraska residents must take the Nebraska course. Responsibility lies with the operator.
- Certificate of number/registration must be available on the vessel for law enforcement inspection at any time.
- Boats manufactured in 1972 or later must be titled before they can be registered in Nebraska.
- Speeds in excess of 5 mph are illegal at all times within 30 yards of any vessel, marina, landing and fishing piers, anchorages or bathing beach
- 30 days allowed in transit for boat registration.
- The most common examples of reckless boat operation for which a ticket can be written are. Operating under the influence - .08 percent or greater blood alcohol content (BAC); riding on the boat's bow, seat-backs, or gunwales; overloading; PWC operator facing backward.

Iowa Law

- Persons under 12 years of age may operate a vessel propelled by a motor of more than 10 horsepower, including a personal watercraft, only if he or she is accompanied on board by a responsible person at least 18 years old and experienced operating the vessel.
- Persons 12 years of age or older but younger than 18 years of age may operate a vessel propelled by a motor of more than 10 horsepower, including a personal watercraft, only if he or she: Has successfully completed a boater education course approved by the Iowa Dept of Natural Resources or is accompanied on board by a responsible person at least 18 years old and experienced operating the vessel.

NOTE: These are not all of the Nebraska or Iowa regulations. See the appropriate state guide for a complete listing.

Classes for Boaters Who Have Demanding Schedules

All courses offered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary are NASBLA approved. The boating classes available from the Coast Guard Auxiliary are designed for the recreational boater, fisherman, waterfowl hunters, and personal watercraft operator.

State of Nebraska Boating Course is a 6 to 7 hour course designed to meet the basic needs of operating a motorboat or personal watercraft. The information includes boat styles, legal requirements, navigation rules, trailering, accidents, weather and personal watercrafts.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course is a 20-25 hour course which is more detailed information for the boater. The information includes equipment for your boat, legal requirements, trailering, navigation rules, powering your boat, lines and knots, boat handling, weather, boat radios, coastal navigation and inland waters.

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Classes That Are Presently Scheduled

2010 Boating Classes

Cost \$10
(schedule as of 4/12/2010)

Cassling

13808 F St. Omaha

Saturday, April 17

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (working lunch)

To register contact Richard Goble 397-2916

Bring a sack lunch

Nebraska Game & Parks

4817 N 56 Lincoln

Sunday, April 18

12 noon

Contact Mary Poe 540-3113

Bring snack & drink

Bass Pro Council Bluffs

Saturday, May 1

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch

To register contact Richard Goble 397-2916

Bennington Library

15505 Warehouse St.

Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Must attend both evenings.

To register contact Frank Reiss at 660-5321

Carter Lake Public Library (Iowa & Nebraska class)
1120 Willow Dr.
Saturday, May 8
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (working lunch)
Bring a sack lunch
To register contact Annette Rasmussen at 402-727-4108
Class Limit: 25 Students

Nebraska Game & Parks
4817 N 56 Lincoln
Saturday, May 8
8:00 a.m.
Contact Mary Poe 540-3113
Bring a sack lunch or \$5 for pizza & drink

Cabela's
12703 Westport Parkway LaVista
Saturday, May 22
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
To register call 402-861-4804
Bring a sack lunch

Cabela's
12703 Westport Parkway LaVista
Sunday, May 23
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
To register call 402-861-4804
Bring a sack lunch

Bass Pro Council Bluffs
Saturday, June 5
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch
To register contact Richard Goble 397-2916

Nebraska Game & Parks
4817 N 56 Lincoln
Monday & Wednesday, June 7 & 9
6 p.m.
Contact Mary Poe 540-3113
Bring snack & drink

Valley Marine
6301 Twin Rivers Rd.
Monday, June 7
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
To register contact Richard Goble 397-2916
Bring a sack lunch

Gretna City Hall
204 N. McKenna Ave.
Saturday, June 12
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (working lunch)
Bring a sack lunch
To register contact Frank Reiss at 660-5321

Nebraska Game & Parks
4817 N 56 Lincoln
Monday & Wednesday, June 28 & 30
6 p.m.
Contact Mary Poe 540-3113
Bring snack & drink

Cassling
13808 F St. Omaha
Saturday, July 10
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
To register contact Richard Goble 397-2916
Bring a sack lunch

Nebraska Game & Parks
4817 N 56 Lincoln
Sunday, July 11
12 noon
Contact Mary Poe 540-3113
Bring snack & drink

For further information about boating classes, contact sope@uscgaux08533.info.

For further information about a free vessel safety exam, contact sove@uscgaux08533.info.

Did you know.....

Nebraska ranks 38th nationally in total boat registrations. In 1997 there were 72,333 boats registered in Nebraska.. In 2007 there were over 84,000, with a gradual steady increase each year. Boating and resources have not increased at the same rate. Boater behavior has changed noticeably since the increase of Personal Watercraft (PWC) registrations. PWC registrations increased from 6,418 in 1997 to an estimated 9,300 in 2001. In Nebraska the PWC registrations make up about 12% of the total boat registration.

Improving boater behavior is what the State Boating Education Program is all about. Our program is more than just about boat and personal watercraft handling. It's management of our resources, boater ethics, and respect for the people whom boaters share the resources.