



**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
2015**

Boater Safety Class Schedule



Our Mission: Develop and deliver educational programs second to none in quality.

We offer the **About Boating Safely** course which is approved by NASBLA.

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat safety certificate in North Carolina. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete "About Boating Safely".

TOPICS INCLUDE

- **Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats; sailboats; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.
- **Boating Law** – Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.
- **Boat Safety Equipment** – Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment.
- **Safe Boating** – Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe Personal Water Craft (**PWC**) handling; general water safety.
- **Navigation** – The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."
- **Boating Problems** – Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.
- **Trailing, Storing and Protecting Your Boat** – Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.
- **Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating** – Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

The Lake Norman CG Auxiliary will be offering the About Boating Safely classes at the following location and dates:

Flotilla 26-01 will be teaching boating classes on the following dates:

March 14, 2015

April 18, 2015

June 13, 2015

July 25, 2015

September 12, 2015

All classes will be taught at North Mecklenburg Rescue located at:
15503 North Old Statesville, Road, Huntersville, NC 28078



Registration for all classes will be 8:00 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. Class will start promptly at 8:30 A.M. and should conclude around 4:00 P.M. The classes are taught by qualified instructors.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Cost for the class is \$45 per person.

REGISTRATION

Please pre-register for the class you wish to attend.

To register for classes, email the USCG Auxiliary Lake Norman at info@cgauxlkn.com.

If you do not have access to email, you may contact us by leaving your name, contact number, and message on our voicemail at 704-663-3333.

For additional information regarding upcoming classes, change of dates, or additional classes to be offered, visit and "Like" our [Facebook](#) page

