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## News Release

### ***Get Your Washington State Boating Education Card With On-Line U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Classes***

**Bellingham, Wash.** – The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Bellingham and San Juan Islands Flotilla offers boaters four opportunities to take an online, Washington State Basic Boater Education Course.

The course is for anyone wishing to learn safe boating skills and qualify for a Boater Education Card, issued by the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission. All Washington state residents must carry a Boater Education Card while on the water operating a power boat greater than 15 horsepower. This includes people over 12 years of age and applies to anyone born after January 1, 1955.

The class is National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved for mandated boater education. Successful completion qualifies the participant for a WA State Boater Education Card- issued by WA State Parks Boating Program (separate application and \$10 fee).

Cost: \$15 registration plus \$10 printed book, totaling **\$25**. The books may be shared.

The eight-hour course is broken into two-hour sessions over four days and will be online using Zoom. At the end of the final class, there is a closed book test which we will help you prepare for.

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Monday, March 9 through Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 2 hours)

Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 2 hours)

Monday, May 11 through Thursday, May 14, 2026

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 2 hours)

Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11, 2026

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for 2 hours)

For more information and reservations:

More information is available on our website: [www.BLIaux.com](http://www.BLIaux.com)

For reservations or any questions, please email [boatingsafetyWA@gmail.com](mailto:boatingsafetyWA@gmail.com)

Here is a registration QR Code to insert (if desired):



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