



America's Boating Course[®]



Course overview: Boating is fabulous family activity. But you shouldn't leave the dock without basic boating skills. Be sure you have the right safety equipment, know the rules of the road and be prepared for the unexpected! Now is the time to prepare for next season. Whether you own a paddle boat, sail boat or powerboat, this course is designed for both skippers and crew alike! The United States Power Squadrons have taught basic boating courses to well over one million students!

Topics covered: Boat handling, state and federal requirements and regulations, safety equipment, aids to navigation, charts and course plotting, knots, marine radio use, trailering, personal watercraft use, and much more. If you are heading out on the water let us show you how to do so with skill, confidence and fun!

Instruction includes: A 228 page textbook, charting protractor, dividers, *Map Tech* charting CD and a supplemental home study CD, plus many other handouts. Upon completion of the course a certificate will be issued. This is honored by all states for their basic boat licensing requirements and most boat insurance companies for premium reductions. Those between the ages of 12 and 16 can obtain their Massachusetts Powerboat Operators Certificate.

Dates: Six consecutive Wednesdays starting Feb. 29

Hours: 7:30 to 9:30 pm. First class only starts at 7:00

Location: Acton-Boxborough Grey Jr. H.S., 16 Charter Road, Acton

Directions: From rt. 27 go west on rt. 111. Take first right on Charter Road. The first building on left is the school, on the hill. Parking is the first and second left just below the hill.

Fee: \$75 for individuals; \$125 for families sharing course materials

Registration: Call Acton-Boxborough Continuing Education at 978-266-2525. Walk in registration available.

Offered by: United States Power Squadrons, Minute Man Sail and Power Squadron, www.usps.org/localusps/mm

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Completion of the USPS *America's Boating Course* or *Squadron Boating Course* may qualify you for membership. As a member you can take advanced courses at a substantial discount and may qualify for substantial discounts on boat insurance, equipment, navigation software, etc.