

# America's Boating Course 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

## Course Layout

The NASBLA, (8 Hour Course), has four chapters, each requiring about 2 hours.

The chapters are laid out as follows:

Chapter 1 - Section 1: Getting Started

Section 2: Required Safety Equipment

Section 3: Going Boating

Chapter 2 - Section 4: Navigation Rules

Section 5 - Navigation Aids

Section 6 - Lights and Sound Signals

Section 7 - Government Regulations

Section 8 - State and Local Regulations

Chapter 3 - Section 9 - Finding Your Way

Section 10 - Anchoring

Section 11 - Adverse Conditions and Emergencies

Section 12 - Communications Afloat

Chapter 4 - Section 13: Water Sports Safety

Section 14 - Trailering

Section 15 - Personal Watercraft Operation

Section 16 - Knots and Lines

Part II, Chapter 5 will take 4 hours and have 2 sections;

Section 17 - Introduction to Navigation

Section 18 - Charts

**A proposed Lesson Plan for the NASBLA (8 hour portion) is listed below:**

<b>Session 1</b>	
<b>Chapter 1 - Section 1</b>	
Boat Terms	15
Boating Types and Uses	15
<b>Chapter 1 - Section 2</b>	
Life Preservers	10
Wearing PFDs	6
Serviceability	3
Sizing and Availability	3
Fire Extinguishers	12
Ventilation Systems	4
Visual Distress Signals	10
<b>Chapter 1 - Section 3</b>	
Operators Responsibilities	4
Boat Preventive Maintenance	3
Fueling Procedures	12
Float Plan	4
Pre-Departure Checklist & Passenger Communication	10
Docking and Mooring	15

<b>Session 2</b>	
<b>Chapter 2 - Section 4</b>	
Rule of responsibility	5
Proper lookout	3
Collision Avoidance	5
Safe speed	3
Restricted visibility	8
Disclaimer	3
<b>Chapter 2 - Section 5</b>	
Aids to Navigation	30
<b>Chapter 2 - Section 6</b>	
Navigation Lights	15
Sound Producing Devices	10
<b>Chapter 2 - Section 7</b>	
Boat Registration	6
Registrations	5
USCG Safety Standards	5

Flame Arestors	4
Law enforcement officer authority	2
Influence of Drugs and Alcohol on Boat Operation	5
Disposal of Toxic Substances	4
Environmental Laws and Regulations	8
Human Waste Disposal	3
Accident Reports	3
Boating Accident Report Form	1
<b>Chapter 2 - Section 8</b>	
Continuing Education	1
Wearing of PFD's for children	2
Additional equipment	5
Mandatory Education etc.	2
Age and/or horsepower restrictions	1
Requirements for waste discharge	3
Laws further defining careless operations	2
Boat speed limits	2
Boat accident reporting requirements	3
Laws on operating under the influence	3
Boating accident report form	1
Other laws or regulations	1

<b>Session 3</b>	
<b>Chapter 3 - Section 9</b>	
Local Hazards	4
<b>Chapter 3 - Section 10</b>	
Anchoring	25
<b>Chapter 3 - Section 11</b>	
Fire Emergency Preparedness	10
Capsizing/Falls Overboard	10
Cold Water Immersion and Hypothermia	10
Carbon Monoxide	8
Running Aground Prevention and Response	9
Boat Handling -Weather And Water Conditions	10
Rendering Assistance	8
<b>Chapter 3 - Section 12</b>	
Communication Procedures	25

<b>Session 4</b>	
<b>Chapter 4 - Section 13</b>	
Water Sport Safety	8
Hunting & Fishing	5
Diving and Snorkeling	8
Propeller Intervention & Awareness	6
Paddle Sports	12
<b>Chapter 4 - Section 14</b>	
Trailerling	20
Boat Theft Prevention	5
<b>Chapter 4 - Section 15</b>	
Personal Watercraft and other Jet Propelled Watercraft	
Operational characteristics of PWC	7
Off-throttle steering	3
PWC load capacities	1
Re-boarding a PWC	3
Lanyard/Cut (Shut) off switch.	2
Fuel Reserve Tank	1

Laws and regulations	5
Accident prevention	3
Noise control	1
Hours of operation	1
<b>Chapter 4 - Section 16</b>	
Knots and Lines	25