

Knots, Bends, and Hitches

Introduction to Navigational Astronomy

Oceanography

Radar

Predicted Log Contest

Sight Reduction Methods

Skipper Saver

Water Sports

USPS Nautical Glossary

Interested in learning more about any of these subjects? Learn how you can do so by calling USPS today.



United States Power Squadrons®

USPS is America's largest family boating organization dedicated to boating education, civic service, and just plain fun! Our members operate sail, power, and paddle boats. Boat ownership is not a requirement.

Our members enjoy:

Advanced Educational Courses

Seamanship and Piloting, Electronic and Celestial Navigation, Weather, Sailing, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics

Social Activities including:

Cruises, Rendezvous, Family Outings, Boating Races and Contests

Civic Service Activities including:

Educating boaters for safety, Teaching fellow members, Helping to keep nautical charts accurate

Join Us And Fly The Ensign That Shows Others You Are A Knowledgeable Boater.

For more information about joining USPS, contact one of the sources listed below.

Call: 1-888-FOR-USPS

Or visit our web site:

www.USPS.org



Experienced Boaters!

Are you ready to take the plunge by joining United States Power Squadrons®? USPS is "America's Boating Club" and a leader in promoting recreational boating safety. Membership in USPS can offer you the following benefits and opportunities and much more.

- Save money on your boat insurance;
 - Get a complimentary one year membership to BoatUS (50% off subsequent years), free subscriptions to *BoatUS* and *Seaworthy* magazines, and limited free towing
 - Receive a subscription to *The Ensign*, our monthly magazine
 - Get discounts on other boating magazines and more.
 - Join our growing family of like-minded boaters in fun activities both on and off the water.
 - Share your experience with others while deepening your own skills by taking advantage of our portfolio of courses (listed on back page).
- If USPS sounds like your kind of organization, read further to see how easily you can become a member.



How the program works

If you have previously completed a membership qualifying safe boating course (e.g., USPS *Squadron Boating Course*®, *BoatSmart*®, US Coast Guard Auxiliary *Boating Skills & Seamanship*®, *America's Boating Course*® or other NASBLA-approved boating safety course), you are already eligible to join our growing family. If you have not completed a qualifying course, you are invited to apply for expedited membership through our Experienced Boater program.

This program recognizes that many experienced boaters have already mastered the fundamentals of safe boating. Therefore, we are making available to experienced boaters the opportunity to demonstrate their qualification for membership through a skills evaluation process. This will enable you to enjoy the benefits of USPS membership more easily and quickly, and USPS will enjoy the benefits of your experience sooner.

Here is how our Experienced Boater program works:

1. If you have been invited to consider membership in USPS by a friend, relative, or other acquaintance who is a current USPS member, that person will serve as your guide through the process.

If you are interested in joining USPS through this program, or you are already eligible to become a member but do not know who to contact to get started, please call USPS at 888-FOR USPS and ask for assistance with the Experienced Boater program, or visit our web site: www.USPS.org. Use the **Contact USPS** link to request help with the Experienced Boater program. You will be contacted by a local USPS representative who will assist you through the process and can also answer questions you may have about membership. While visiting our website you can also obtain information about all aspects of USPS.

2. When you are ready, contact your local USPS representative to schedule your knowledge evaluation at a convenient time and place. In preparation for this evaluation, you may wish to review the topics covered in the evaluation. If you do, ask your local contact to arrange for you to obtain a copy of the *Squadron Boating Course*® manual or *BoatSmart* manual. These manuals provide a convenient way to review the appropriate topics and will ease your way through the process.

3. Complete your evaluation process.

4. Complete a membership application and pay the modest applicable fees. That's it! You are on way to enjoying all that USPS has to offer!

Topics covered in the evaluation

The evaluation will test your knowledge in the following areas:

- Boat terms & types
- Propulsion systems
- Boat handling
- Required safety equipment
- Boat registration
- State and local regulations
- Rules of the road
- Aids to navigation
- Navigation rules
- Marine radiotelephone
- VHF channel usage
- EPIRB
- Distress communications:

Additional USPS Member Opportunities For Skills Development

Amateur Radio

Boat Insurance

Compass Adjusting

Boat Design & Construction

Calculators for Navigation

Global Positioning System

Introduction to Sailing