

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

For Boaters, By Boaters®



WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to America's Boating Club, your home on the water. We thank you for taking a step toward making yourself a better, more confident boater and, in turn, helping us make our waterways safer for everyone.

LEARN

America's Boating Club members get full access to all online, in-person and on-the-water training at significant member discounts. With a wide range of classes from short, focused seminars and webinars to comprehensive, in-depth courses, we offer training tailored to fit your boating needs.

ONLINE

After taking [America's Boating Course](#), our basic boater training, members usually take [Boat Handling](#), a series of six seminars that cover topics every boater needs to know. We also offer focused two-hour [seminars](#) and topical [webinars](#) to round out your boating knowledge. Check out our free boater training videos on [America's Boating Channel](#).

IN-PERSON

Local clubs offer a range of [courses](#) and [seminars](#) near you. Check with yours for current offerings. Don't have a local club yet? [Find one near you](#). It's the best way to take advantage of all that America's Boating Club has to offer.

ON THE WATER

Learning on the water provides the fastest path to boating competence. Offered by local clubs, the Jump Start Program pairs new boaters and new boat owners with experienced boaters. Through Jump Start's one-on-one coaching, you can quickly build the skills you need to boat with confidence. [Find a club near you](#).

Other on-the-water training opportunities include [America's Boating Club Learning Centers](#) and Boat Operator Certification for inland, coastal and offshore boating.

Learn more about all of our on-the-water programs in "[Better on the Water](#)."



ENGAGE

Our [national conferences](#) give members a chance to make friends from all over the country, learn something new, support our organization and have fun.

Local clubs provide regular meetings, cruises, rendezvous and other opportunities on and off the water to meet fellow boaters and have fun together. If you don't have a local club, [find one near you](#).

CONNECT

With a long and rich history of community service, America's Boating Club offers volunteer opportunities in many areas:

- **Vessel examiners** provide free vessel safety checks as part of the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check Program. Log in to the [members' website](#) and [learn more about becoming a vessel examiner](#).
- **Cooperative charting activities** include chart updates and geodetic mark recovery, fun activities that provide significant community benefits. Log in to the [members' website](#) and [learn more about cooperative charting](#).
- **Volunteering** at the local or national levels on committees gives members a chance to help steer the ship in this volunteer-led organization. Log in to the [members' website](#) and [submit a volunteer resume](#).
- **Community service activities** by local clubs support recreational boating, the marine environment and more. Talk to your club leaders to learn more.
- **Contributions** to our [Endowment Fund](#), [Educational Fund](#) and [General Fund](#) help ensure that our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization can continue its mission of training boaters and making our waters safe for all.

STAY IN TOUCH

As a member of America's Boating Club, you receive [The Ensign](#), our quarterly membership magazine with boating and cruising articles, practical tips and advice, and important information for members.

Be sure to subscribe to [America's Boating Compass](#) monthly newsletter with a wealth of information for newer boaters and those getting back into boating.

Stay in the know with [America's Boating Club Member News](#), our monthly newsletter for members only.

Got a question? Need help? Call us at 888-367-8777 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email contactme@hq.usps.org.

YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS

In addition to discounts on educational courses, members receive significant discounts on boat insurance through [America's Boating Club Boat Insurance Program](#).

As a member, you're entitled to travel and safety insurance from [DAN Boater](#) for only \$25 a year—a \$77 savings over the \$100 family rate. Check your [DAN Boater benefit status](#) and sign up. Have your member ID and PIN handy.

Check out all of your [member benefits](#), including huge discounts on boating products, insurance, travel and lodging, and more.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Show your membership pride with America's Boating Club apparel and gear. Shop our [Ship's Store](#).