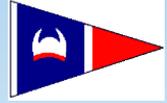


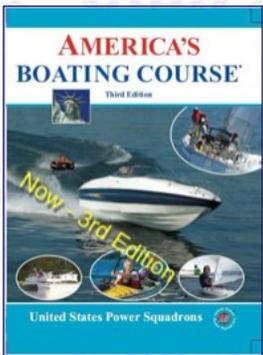


America's Boating Club®

For Boaters, By Boaters™



Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron



## *Boating Skills and Safety Course*

Presented by the Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron

**The America's Boating Course<sup>sm</sup>** is a course for anyone interested in boating and boating skills and safety -especially for active boaters (the personal watercraft operator, the skipper of a family cruiser; the sailing enthusiast; the hunter or fisherman operating an outboard utility boat). All boaters must follow the same nautical rules, regulations, and courtesies of the sea. (Attached is the NC Regulation; “North Carolina Mandatory Boater Education Law”)

Our highly qualified, enthusiastic, and experienced “America’s Boating Club” instructors provide instructions as a community and civic service. Class highlights include:

- ⇒ Who can legally operate a boat on NC Waters?
- ⇒ Required and recommended equipment.
- ⇒ Techniques and tips for docking, undocking, anchoring, etc.
- ⇒ Understanding red, green and “shoal” markers on the lake.
- ⇒ Boating after dark.
- ⇒ Who has right-of-away?
- ⇒ When life jackets are required and type.
- ⇒ Special consideration for jet skiers, tubers, rafting, etc.
- ⇒ Tips for navigation and easily returning to your dock or marina.

A student manual is provided, which is the basis for this course and will also be an excellent reference book in basic boating long after the course work is completed.

All skippers in NC born on or after January 1, 1988 must pass a “National Association of State Boating Law Administrators” (NASBLA) certified class in order to legally operate a vessel of 10HP or greater on Lake Norman or other NC waters.



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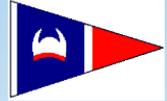


### This course covers many aspects of boating and boating safety, including:

- Boat Terms and Types
- Boat Handling, Docking
- Water Sports Safety
- PWC Operation
- Knots and Lines, Anchoring
- Required Safety Equipment
- State Boating Regulations
- Local Boating Regulations
- Navigation Aids & Rules
- Emergencies
- Marine VHF Radios
- Light and Sound Signals

### Our Classes:

- ⇒ Start at 9:00 am, ending promptly at 5:00 pm
- ⇒ Includes lunch, with several breaks
- ⇒ Pre-registration is required (see following information on dates & times)
- ⇒ Upon completion, you will receive a certificate and laminated color photo ID
- ⇒ A signed permission slip is required for anyone under 18
- ⇒ Cost is \$45, which includes a manual. Each additional family member is \$25 each. Additional manuals are available if desired for \$20 each.
- ⇒ If you have any questions, please email [LNofABC@gmail.com](mailto:LNofABC@gmail.com) or call Dan Kartes at 865-406-1679. (Please leave a message.)



**Our previously scheduled March 21st and May 18th classes have been canceled, and we are looking at rescheduling as soon as we can. Pending National, State and Local regulations, we hope to schedule in the June or July timeframe.**

If you would like to be notified by email or phone call, please email:  
Dan Kartes at [dankartes@gmail.com](mailto:dankartes@gmail.com)

You can find additional information on our online classes and seminars:  
<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education>

Online videos are available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericasBoatingChannel>

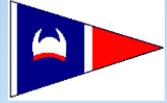
### **Why our class versus online classes:**

- ⇒ **We provide certified classroom instructors to answer your questions, provide real-life examples, and personal help.**
- ⇒ **Hands on demonstrations and practice. (Life Jackets, Lights, Knots, Fire Extinguisher, and other equipment.)**
- ⇒ **Upon completion, you will receive a certificate and laminated color photo ID.**
- ⇒ **Focus on local requirements and information.**
- ⇒ **Open to family members and/or minor children and want to participate with them in their boating experience.**
- ⇒ **Proctored exam. We have a great pass rate.**
- ⇒ **Student manual is not provide with all online classes.**
- ⇒ **Lunch and beverages are provided.**
- ⇒ **Fun!**



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## North Carolina Mandatory Boater Education Law

**Proof of birth before January 1, 1988** is necessary to operate a vessel with 10 horsepower or greater on the waters of NC unless the operator has met the requirements for boater safety education or is otherwise qualified within the NC statute (ref. NC G.S. § 75A-16.2.) This Law is complex. Please read for more information.

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To satisfy this requirement, the Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron offers a one day boating safety class that is NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) approved. - Our class is called "America's Boating Course". -

- ⇒ Upon passing the course, you receive a Certificate of Graduation and a photo wallet card to show law enforcement that you are in compliance.
- ⇒ Our ABC course meets educational standards for the National Associations of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and features a proctored examination as required by many states and insurance companies.
- ⇒ Teenagers 14\* to 16 can obtain a PWC certificate and adults the NC boating certificate by completing the course and satisfactorily passing the exam. This certificate is required for any adult BORN AFTER JANUARY 1, 1988 to operate a vessel of 10 horsepower or greater in NC unless otherwise qualified.
- ⇒ In addition to safety techniques, proper boat handling and technical information, the course will provide instruction and examination of the laws and regulations of North Carolina and local laws while boating on Lake Norman. Most insurance companies will provide a 10-15% discount upon passing this course.
- ⇒ A more educated boater more likely will be a safe boater. A boating safety course is the beginning of a boating education. We encourage students to follow this basic course with additional boating education such as courses offered by the Lake Norman Sail & Power Squadron for its members. Instructors will provide information about advanced courses.