Membership in US Power Squadrons

One of the main goals of USPS is "boating safety through education" – we believe that an educated boater is a safer boater. USPS provides many educational opportunities to the general public through a variety of courses, seminars, and marine-related guides.

When you pass the ABC course we will waive the \$20 new member admin fee & offer you a full year of membership for \$80/\$120 Family

Members are eligible to take our other advanced courses at discounted prices.

Courses include:

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Boat Handling Marine Navigation
Advanced Marine Off Shore Navigation
Navigation Engine Maintenance

Celestial Navigation Weather
Cruise Planning Instructor

Sail Development Marine Electrical Systems

Marine Electrical Systems
Marine Communications Systems
Electronics Navigation

Please see our website at:

www.hartfordpowersquadron.org for further information about the Hartford Power Squadron and to leave us an e-mail of your interest or call 860-655-4623 for more information about the course and the Hartford Power Squadron.





Hartford Power Squadron Fall Course Schedule

Please see the back for more details on each course.

Boat Handling-7-week course at the Bristol Public Library, 5 High St, Bristol, Ct 06010 860-584-7787 Begins Wednesday, 20 September at 6:30 pm Members: \$70 for the Class, Manual and materials.

Non-Members:

\$150 for the Class, Manual, materials & oneyear membership \$190 for the Class, Manual, materials & one-Year Family membership

You must be a Member to take our advanced courses.

ABC-Bristol Public Library (one day course) 5 High St. Bristol, CT 06010 860-584-7787 Saturday: 10/21/2023 8:30 am-4:30 pm Cost: \$60 includes Manual/Coffee/lunch

This is an 8-hour course meeting the requirements of the State of Connecticut DEEP for its Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

The final exam will be given at the end of the day and after passing the exam the student will receive the Hartford Power Squadron's Certificate attesting to the passing of the NASBLA test which can be used in any State to apply for a License or Certificate to operate a power boat.

The Connecticut student will then be able to apply on-line for the State of Connecticut DEEP Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

Please call Cliff McKibbin at 860-655-4623 or e-mail him at <u>Cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net</u> for further information and to reserve your spot.

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Basic and Advanced
Boating Courses



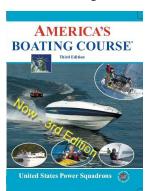
- America's Boating Course
- Boat Handling Course



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America's Boating Course One Day Course (8 hours)

America's Boating Course (ABC) is a course for all boaters including skippers of a family cruiser, sailing enthusiasts, personal watercraft

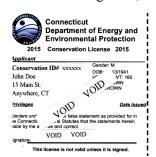


(PWC) operators, hunters or fishermen operating an outboard utility boat, and canoe and kayak paddlers. The course meets all of the requirements of the CT DEEP for its Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operations.

It covers the basics

you need to know to safely and legally operate your boat, such as basic boating terminology, boat handling, water sports safety, PWCs, new requirements for the State of CT towing rules,

legally required equipment and other boating laws and regulations, right-ofway rules between boats, and marine radio operation.



The manual you will get includes the

material in our 8-week course (the fundamentals of reading nautical charts, of using a chart to plot and follow a safe course, and the basics of using a Global Positioning System (GPS) for navigation) but these subjects are not able to be covered in the one-day course.

Boat Handling Course 7-week Course x 2 hours

The Boat Handling curriculum comprises a full six-part Boat Handling course and six seminars:

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

Students who complete the Boat Handling course and pass the exam will receive credit for the Boat Handling course and earn the Seaman grade. They will also receive seminar credit for each of the class sessions attended.



Other Courses you might like

Marine Navigation. This course covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation. The course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes: charts and their interpretation, navigation aids and how they point to safe water, plotting courses and determining direction and distance, the mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic, use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route, pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS.

Engine Maintenance. This course includes the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. The course also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls. The last chapter discusses solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility. Gasoline, diesel, and outboard engines are treated independently in this chapter.