

## 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:

Boat Handling	Marine Navigation
Advanced Marine Navigation	Off Shore Navigation
Celestial Navigation	Weather
Cruise Planning	Instructor Development
Sail	Development
Marine Electrical Systems	
Marine Communications Systems	
Electronics Navigation	

Please see our website at:

[www.hartfordpowersquadron.org](http://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 courses and the Hartford Power Squadron.



## Hartford Power Squadron Spring 2025 Course Schedule

Please see the back for more details on each course.

### ABC-Bristol Public Library (one day course)

5 High St. Bristol, CT 06010 860-584-7787

**Saturdays: 4/12/2025 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.

### Advanced Marine Navigation

2-Saturday course at

Architectural Building Systems

136 Rockwell Road Newington, CT 06111

**Begins Saturday 4/19/2025 9:00 to 3:00**

**Cost includes one manual**

**Members: \$95, Second family member \$20**

**Prerequisite: Marine Navigation**

**You must be a member to take our advanced courses.**

**One Year Membership: \$80**

**One Year Family Membership: \$120**

Please call Cliff McKibbin at 860-655-4623 or e-mail him at [Cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net](mailto:Cliff99.mckibbin@comcast.net) for further information and to reserve your spot.

# Hartford Power Squadron

*Presents*

**United States Power Squadrons®  
Basic and Advanced  
Boating Courses**



- *America's Boating Course*
- *Advanced Marine Navigation*

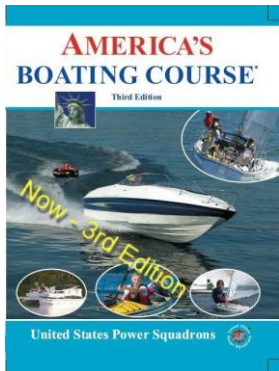


**“Come for the Boating Education...  
Stay for the Friends!”<sup>SM</sup>**

*Spring, 2025*

## 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-of-way rules between boats, and marine radio operation.

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This license is not valid unless it is signed.	

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.

## Advanced Marine Navigation 2 Saturday Course

Advanced Marine Navigation is the second part of the inland and coastal navigation series. This material builds on the base developed in 'Marine Navigation' and includes practical use of additional electronic navigation systems and other advanced techniques for finding position.

Among topics covered are:

\*finding position using bearings and angles,

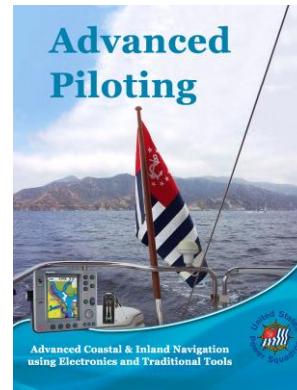
\*collision avoidance using GPS and Radar,

\*what to do when the electronics fail,

\*tides, currents and wind and their effect on piloting,

\*electronic navigation with GPS, chart plotters, Radar, autopilots, etc.

The course uses the 'Weekend Navigator' book and the 4x15 plotter and dividers used in the Marine Navigation course which is a prerequisite.



## Boat Handling Course Look for it Next Fall

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.

