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The New York State Safe Boating Certification Course is now available as an in-classroom course or an online course. Choose the method that best fits your schedule, style and needs. Both options are approved by the New York State Office of Parks and result in certificates that never expire. Please note that some courses charge a fee.

In-Classroom Instruction

New York State Parks' Bureau of Marine Services celebrates 50 years of experience teaching New Yorkers to operate their boats safely. In the last 15 years, through State Parks network of certified instructors, we have taught more than 300,000 people.

The in-classroom course option is designed as a comprehensive study of boating safety to teach the fundamentals of safe boating operation. The course requires a minimum of 8 hours of classroom instruction and has been approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

- Courses are available throughout the state. The course listing is updated regularly. Find a [safe boating course](#) near you.
- Registration for a course is completed by calling the contact number provided.
- An instructor may or may not charge a fee for the course. When charged, fees can vary. Some courses may be taught by volunteers free of charge.
- Students may choose to have a small anchor icon placed on their NY state driver's license or non-Driver ID DMV document, attesting that they have earned a New York State boating safety certificate. Fees may apply.



Online Class Providers

As of April 2015, the Boating Safety Certificate course requirements can be completed with one of the online courses listed below. Upon completion of the course, students may choose to have a small anchor icon placed on their NY state driver's license or non-Driver ID DMV document, attesting that they have earned a New York State boating safety certificate. Fees may apply.

BOATERexam

Educating Boaters Online

BOATERexam features tons of dynamic content, including interactive and narrated animations. Log your study time, complete the course at your own pace, and print your temporary certificate immediately.



- Only online boating safety course where you will see visual aids in every exam question.
- Free to register. One-time course fee: \$29.95 Pay only when you pass. Backed by BOATERexam's risk-free policy.
- Customer Service Support: 1-866-764-2628. Mon - Fri: 9am to midnight (EST) Sat & Sun: 9am to midnight (EST).
- Over 1 million people get certified online with BOATERexam.
- New York State Parks-approved and good for life.

Boat-ED

Get Safe. Get Certified

Get certified and start boating in three easy steps: Study the online course -Pass the final exam - Print your temporary certification and hit the water.



- Only course with award-winning video production.
- Covers 100% of the material you need to know to get certified.
- Works seamlessly on all devices - smartphones included.

- Interactive animations and illustrations.
- Full time English and Spanish speaking customer service.
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