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Boating Safety Class June 21 at Flotilla Island

A one day boating safety course will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 8:30am to 5:00pm at Flotilla Island, 2390 Johnson Marina Road in Chapin, SC 29036. The course, *About Boating Safely*, is certified by SCDNR and taught by U.S. Coast Guard instructors. Successful graduates will be awarded the South Carolina Boater Education Card.

In South Carolina, boaters under 16 years of age are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating, without supervision, a personal watercraft (PWC) or a boat powered by a motor with 15 hp or more.

Course fee is \$30.00 per person. Students under the age of 12 years must be accompanied by an adult enrolled in the class. Class size is limited to 24 students. For more information or to register contact Kent McCain at (803) 364-2911 or (803) 318-0071 or F1203boatclass-reservations@yahoo.com. Registration for the June 21 course is also available at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html>.

The boating course is designed for boaters of all ages and experience with an emphasis on recreational boating safety. You will learn what to do before you get underway and the basics of protecting and handling your boat or PWC safely. Also included are waterways navigation, rules of the road, safety equipment, boating problems and emergencies, storing and protecting your boat, and legal requirements for boating in South Carolina.

Many insurance companies offer discounts to graduates of the boating education course.

A component of the U. S. Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is staffed by civilian volunteers who provide support for most of the Coast Guard missions. The Auxiliary promotes recreational boating safety through public education classes and offers free vessel safety checks for recreational boaters. Visit us online at www.a0701203.wow.uscgaux.info.