



U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**



*In cooperation with Dearborn Heights Parks & Recreation*

# About Boating Safely

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 17, 2018  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**COST:** \$20.00  
**LOCATION:** Richard A. Young Recreation Center  
5400 McKinley

*(Advance registration is required. Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 16)*

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states, including Michigan. Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this class.

## Topics will include:

**Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

**Boating Law** – Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft (PWC) requirements.

**Boat Safety Equipment** – Personal flotation devices (“life jackets”); fire extinguishers; sound producing devices; visual distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment.

**Safe Boating** – Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

**Navigation** – The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation (right-of-way) rules; avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC “tunnel vision.”

**Boating Problems** – Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide; other boating and PWC problems.

**Trailing, Storing and Protecting Your Boat** – Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires and bearings; loading, balancing and towing a trailer; towing and backing a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

**Hunting, Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating** – Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

For more information call the Richard A. Young Recreation Center at (313) 277-7080  
or Kyle Corcoran at (248) 242-1209.