

What's In It for You

- **Great content, great instruction:** Our classes are up-to-date and our instructors want to help you learn so you can boat more often and with confidence.
- **Local expertise:** Learn or develop your boating skills with teachers who know your local waters.
- **Flexibility:** With in-depth courses and one-session seminars, you can learn as your schedule permits.
- **Just-in-time training:** Learn what you need to know about a single topic in about two hours.
- **Convenience:** Learn in a classroom near you or online. Some topics are offered as live webinars with meet-the-expert panelists.
- **Hands-on coaching:** We'll help you continue learning on the water.



Our educational programs are designed for today's boaters, including outdoor enthusiasts and sociable adventurers who enjoy boating.

America's Boating Club® helps new and experienced recreational boaters **learn** boating skills, **engage** in the fun with other boaters, and **connect** with the boating community. We enjoy all types of recreational boating, as well as social and community service activities. We are a non-profit organization, and our classes are open to members and the public. Join us!

America's Boating Course (ABC3) offers a comprehensive introduction to recreational boating, and successful completion of **ABC3** meets the education requirements for boater operator cards in most states. Our advanced curriculum includes courses, seminars, and hands-on training designed for recreational boaters who want to grow in their knowledge, skills, confidence, and enjoyment on the water.

Whether you prefer to learn in a classroom setting, online, or on the water, our friendly, skilled instructors will help you learn the way you want to learn. See what's on offer at americasboatingclub.org or contact your local squadron.



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Become A Better Boater, Have More Fun

Nationally recognized education for the recreational boater

Learn the way you want to learn with our classroom, online, and on-the-water training programs

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Courses

Choose **courses** to build core boating skills and expand your boating horizons.

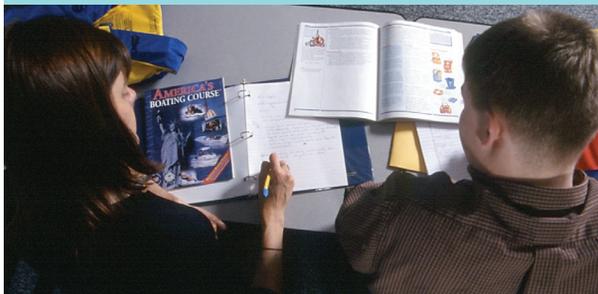
- In classrooms, as multi-session courses or a series of single-topic seminars
- Online, as narrated courses

Build Your Core Boating Skills

- Basic boating skills
- Boat handling
- Inland and coastal navigation using electronics and traditional methods
- Offshore navigation using electronics and traditional methods

Expand Your Boating Horizons By Learning More About

- Weather and other marine environment considerations
- Boat systems: electrical systems, navigation and collision avoidance systems, communication systems, fuel systems, and more
- Engine maintenance and troubleshooting
- Cruising and cruise planning
- Sailing, paddling, and boating while fishing, hunting, or engaging in water sports



Seminars

Choose **seminars** to learn about specific topics in about two hours.

- As single-session classroom seminars
- Online, as narrated seminars
- Online, as interactive seminars

Boat Handling

- Rules of the Road
- Docking and Undocking
- Boating with Confidence
- Anchoring
- Emergencies on Board
- Knots and Line Handling
- Crew at the Helm
- Boating on Rivers, Locks, & Lakes
- Sail Trim & Rig Tuning
- Paddle Smart™
- Trailering

Navigation

- Introduction to Navigation
- Using Your Marine Compass
- Using Digital Charts
- Using OpenCPN

Marine Environment

- Weather for Boaters
- Basic Weather and Forecasting
- Heavy Weather Sailing
- Hurricane Preparation for Boaters
- Tides and Currents

Boat Systems

- AIS Electronics for Boaters
- Using GPS, Multi-Function Display
- Using Marine Radar
- Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio
- Propane Systems on Your Boat

Cruising & Cruise Planning

- Crossing Borders
- Cruising Boats and Systems

On-the-Water Training

Choose **on-the-water training** and enjoy having a coach as you get to know your boat and strengthen your boat handling and navigation skills. Whether you're the captain or the crew, we've got a program for you.

Jump Start

Just bought a boat or joined a boat club? Jump Start provides one-on-one coaching on your boat in a training program designed just for you.

Hands-On Training

Want to practice basic power boat handling skills? Hands-on training includes 2 hours of classroom training and 4-6 hours of on-the-water skill demonstrations and supervised practice. We offer hands-on training for medium- and large-sized boats.

Boat Operator Certification

Ready to have your skills certified? Certification is available at four education and skill levels:

- **Inland** – Basic pre-launch and powerboat operation skills without marine electronics
- **Coastal** – Coastal operation and navigation using marine electronics
- **Advanced Coastal** – Extended coastal or inland planning and execution using marine electronics and traditional methods
- **Offshore** – Global cruising using marine electronics and traditional methods

Contact your local squadron for availability and schedules or explore what's on offer at **America's Boating Club Learning Centers LLC (abclc.org)**.