



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



MN DNR BOATER AND WATER SAFETY COURSE

Hosted by: Becker High School Bass Team

Taught by: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Sherburne County Water Safety Patrol

Sponsored by: Structural Buildings

ALL INVITED!

Come and join us for a fun day at the Becker High School learning beginning boating and water safety.

- This class is designed to give you the knowledge needed to obtain your MN DNR Boaters Safety Certification. Following the class there will be testing. All attendees will earn their Boater's safety certificates and will be handed out following the class!

WHEN: Saturday March 4th, 2023

TIME: 7:00am Registration

8am to 4pm Classroom

Where: Becker High School Door #1

Old High School Auditorium

Cost \$40/1st Student in Family

**** Any Student Sibling or Parent \$10/extra ****

All will obtain boater safety certificate at end of course!

Refreshments, Snacks and Lunch will be provided and donated by Structural Builders!

Several States and Canada require boater safety course to be obtained prior to issuing licenses or allowing a person to drive a boat. This course and certification will provide those requirements.

Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely. Check with your insurance company for details.

TOPICS 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 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 rules (sometimes referred to as 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 (CO); other boating and PWC problems.



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