

## National Boating Education Requirements

State	Does your state require mandatory boating safety education for some segment of the population?	Who is required to complete a boating education course in your state?	Are only residents of your state required to complete a boating education course?	Other, please specify
Alabama	Yes	In general, anyone 12 years old or older who operates a vessel on state waters.	No	
Alaska	No	No one	Other, please specify	See 11
American Samoa	Yes	PWC operators 18 and under		
Arizona	No	Only volunteer boating safety education instructors for the agency.	Other, please specify	N/A
Arkansas	Yes	Anyone born on or after January 1, 1986	No	
California	Yes	State law allows courts to order any boat operator that is convicted of a moving violation. Violators must take and successfully complete course	No	
Colorado	Yes	A person 14 YOA or older, who is less than 16 YOA, may operate a motorboat only if he or she has completed an approved boating safety course.	No	
Connecticut	Yes	All residents or owners of real property or anyone wishing to boat more than 60 days in a year	Other, please specify	also people boating greater than 60 days per year
Delaware	Yes	any person born on or after Jan 1st 1978	No	
District of Columbia	Yes	All persons	No	
Florida	Yes	Operators of vessels powered by motors of 10hp or more who are 21 years of age, or younger. In addition, anyone convicted of a criminal boating violation, a non-criminal boating safety infraction that resulted in a boating accident, or two non-criminal boating safety infractions with in a twelve-month period is required to enroll, attend and successfully complete a classroom boating safety course.	No	
Georgia	Yes	Age 12 to 15 to operate certain vessels on their own.	No	
Guam	No			
Hawaii	Yes	All operators of PWCs	No	
Idaho	No	People renting a PWC, boat operators convicted of OUI, repeat offenders of boating laws		
Illinois	Yes	persons at least 12 years old and less than 18 years old, if they wish to operate a motorboat by themselves	No	
Indiana	Yes	All vessel operators are required to possess a valid drivers license with exception of 15 yr olds who have taken and passed a boater education course and possesses an Indiana Identification card.	Yes	

Iowa	Yes	12 through 17 year olds who operate a motorboat over 10 h.p. or a PWC.	No	
Kansas	Yes	anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 and under 21 years of age regardless of date of birth.	No	
Kentucky	Yes	Those between the ages of 12 and 17	No	
Louisiana	Yes	under the age of 16	No	
Maine	Yes	16 & 17 yr. olds who will operate a PWC.	No	
Manitoba (Canada)				
Maryland	Yes	Anyone born on or after July 1, 1972 who is operating a motorized vessel on MD waters must have a valid certificate of boating safety education	No	
Massachusetts	Yes	Any person of at least 12 years of age and less than 16 yoa, operating a motorboat without adult supervision. PWC users 16 and 17 years of age. (PWC's cannot be operated by youth less than 16 yoa).	No	
Michigan	Yes	Those less than 12 years of age: May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) legally without restrictions. May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally only if they are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age. May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions. Those 12 to 15 years of age: May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp legally without restrictions. May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp legally only if they: Have passed a boating safety course approved by the Department of Natural Resources and have on board their boating safety certificate or ... Are accompanied on board by a person at least 16 years of age		
Minnesota	Yes	Ages 12-17 to operate a motorboat over 25 HP	Other, please specify	Any boat operator 12-17 y/o resident or non res
Mississippi	Yes	Persons born after June 30, 1980	No	
Missouri	Yes	Any person born after January 1, 1984	No	
Montana	yes	Youth 13 and 14 years of age must either complete a boating education course or be accompanied by an adult in order to operate a motorboat or PWC with a motor greater than 10 horsepower.	No	
Nebraska	Yes	all motorboat operators 14 to 18	No	
Nevada	yes	Persons born on or after Jan. 1 1983 who operate motorboats of more than 15 hp on interstate waters.	Other, please specify	People from states with a requirement must meet it
New Hampshire	Yes	Everyone 16 years of age or older operating a vessel over 25 horsepower.	No	
New Jersey	Yes	All PWC operators, all other power vessel operators born in 1959 and later June 1, 2008, all other power vessel operators boarn in 1949 and later. June 1, 2009, all power vessel operators, regardless of DOB	No	

New Mexico	Yes	Those born on or after Jan 1, 1989.	No	
New York	Yes	operators of pwc over the age of 14 children between the age of 10 and 18 that want to operate a mechanically propped boat, other than a pwc, alone	No	
North Carolina	Yes	Anyone <u>under the age of 26 years of age</u> must possess a valid NASBLA approved course card to operate a PWC or powerboat.	No	
North Dakota	Yes	No person of twelve through fifteen years of age may operate a motorboat (includes personal watercraft, i.e. jetskis, etc.) propelled by over a ten horsepower motor unless the operator is accompanied by a person eighteen years of age or older or the operator has taken and passed a boating course approved by the Department.	No	
Northern Mariana Islands	No	All	No	
Ohio	Yes	Anyone born on or after January 1, 1982 who operates a powerboat greater than 10 horsepower.	No	
Oklahoma	Yes	All persons from 12 to less than 16 years of age.	No	
Ontario (Canada)				
Oregon	Yes	boaters 12 and older operating a motorboat greater than 10 horsepower	Yes	
Pennsylvania	Yes	Operators born after January 1, 1982 to operate motorboats greater than 25 horsepower and all operators of PWC.	No	
Puerto Rico	Yes	All born after July 1st, 1972	Yes	
Quebec (Canada)				
Rhode Island	Yes	All PWC Operators and anyone born after 1-1-86 operating a vessel powered by an engine of 10 or more horsepower	Other, please specify	We require PWC renters to take a course
South Carolina	Yes	Persons younger than 16 years of age that operate a boat powered by 15 horsepower greater engine by themselves.		
South Dakota	No	NA	Other, please specify	NA
Tennessee	Yes	TN Resident born after 1/1/89 must pass a proctored exam	No	Any person (resident or non-resident) who was born after Jan. 1, 1989 must show proof they have completed an approved NASBLA course.
Texas	Yes	Operators between ages 13-17 years	No	
Utah	Yes	Personal Watercraft operators 12 through 17 years old	No	
Vermont	Yes	Any person born after January 1, 1974.	No	
Virgin Islands				

		As of July 1, 2011, PWC operators 35 years of age and under must carry proof of passing a boating safety course.			
Virginia	Yes	As of July 1, 2012, PWC operators 50 years of age, and powerboat operators 20 and younger, must carry proof of passing a boating safety course.		Yes	
		Operators of motorboats with 15 horsepower or greater, must be 12 years of age or older.			
Washington	Yes	2011	35 years and under	Other, please specify	non residents may operate for 60 days
		2012	40 years and under		
		2013	50 years and under		
		2014	59 years and under		
		After 2014	All boat operators except those exempted elsewhere in RCW 79A.60.64		
West Virginia	Yes	Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1986		Other, please specify	Out of state boater are exempt for 30 days.
Wisconsin	Yes	Anyone born on or after 1-1-89 and who is at least 16 years		No	
Wyoming	No			No	