

Introduction

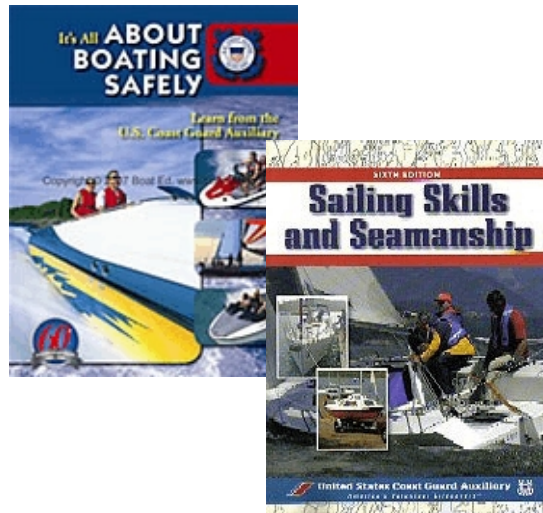
The Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety program is dedicated to reducing loss of life, injuries, and property damage that occur on U.S. waterways by improving the knowledge of recreational boaters. On February 11, 2009, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the BSA signed an agreement to promote boater education and safe boating practices, as well as citizenship and personal fitness development.

Coast Guard Auxiliary boater education helps Scouts and leaders learn how to implement Safety Afloat. Scouts attending the Florida Sea Base come better prepared if they take a boater safety course from their local Auxiliary flotilla (unit). Troops and Ships learn seamanship skills for weekend and extended trips from Auxiliarists in their community.



Public Education Courses for Scouts

- ❑ *About Boating Safely*—6-8 hour course with must-have boater safety information
- ❑ *Boating Skills and Seamanship*—comprehensive general boating course
- ❑ *Paddlesports America*—NEW safety course for canoeists and kayakers
- ❑ *Sailing Skills and Seamanship*—comprehensive course for experienced and novice sailors



BSA Safety Afloat

Safety Afloat has been developed to promote boating and boating safety and to set standards for safe unit activity afloat.

Step No. 1 of *BSA Safety Afloat* is:

Qualified Supervision

All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in his or her care, who is trained in and committed to compliance with the nine points of *BSA Safety Afloat*. That supervisor must be skilled in the safe operation of the craft for the specific activity, knowledgeable in accident prevention, and prepared for emergency situations.



Benefits of Boater Safety Training

Coast Guard Auxiliarists help Scouting by:

- ★ Strengthening BSA aquatics safety
- ★ Supporting Boy Scout and Sea Scout advancement
- ★ Promoting boating safety and citizenship
- ★ Providing Vessel Safety Checks for BSA boats
- ★ Providing boating instruction



Partners in Safe Boating

The Boy Scouts of America
and
The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



www.cgaux.org/boatinged/

[auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php/
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Local contact:

Learn Safe Boating Practices

from the

Coast Guard Auxiliary

