

Take Your Boating Safety Course From Your Living Room

Take your boating safety course, virtually and online, from the comfort of your living room, April 26 - April 29 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. "Boat America", is being presented by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and sponsored by Lisbon Central School After School Program but is available to everyone.

Cathy Trenton, Commander of the Ogdensburg Flotilla says, "this is a great opportunity to get your boating safety certificate without having to drive a great distance to attend classes. No matter where you live, anyone with a computer or cell phone with a camera and microphone can complete this online course by attending just four, two-hour online sessions".

New York State requires that all power boat operators, who must be 10 years or older, and personal watercraft (jet ski) operators, who must be 14 years or older, complete a one time, eight-hour boating safety course. The "Boat America" course complies with this regulation. Power boat operators born after 1/1/1988 must complete a course before 2022; born after 1/1/1983 before 2023; born after 1/1/1978 before 2024. All power boat operators, regardless of age, must complete the course before 2025.

The certified instructors, who are Coast Guard Auxiliarists with years of experience as boaters on local waters, will teach boating safety and interact with students. Questions are answered before, during and after class. Students will be mailed the course textbook and the Federal and State rulebooks to keep as references. The certificate and card will be awarded after the student successfully completes a final exam. It can be replaced free of charge if lost or damaged. Students, faculty, staff, parents and community members may attend the course at \$35.00 per person. Students may qualify for a tuition free scholarship. There are family rates available.

Preregistration is required and sign-ups will be accepted until April 14th. Space is limited to 30 students and 15 adults. You must attend all four sessions.

To register, or for further information, contact Julie Rexford @ 315-393-4951 or exfordj@lisbon.k12.ny.us. Please include your name, birthdate, address, email, and phone number in your correspondence.

For additional class dates and times call 315-605-8041 or email cgauxogdensburg@gmail.com.