



What is Boat Oregon?

Boat Oregon is the Oregon State Marine Board's official boating education course. This standardized eight-hour course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Administrators (NASBLA) and is offered throughout Oregon to supplement other boating education opportunities.

The course includes topics vital to the average recreational boater. It is broken into six lessons—know your boat, before you get underway, operating your boat safely, legal requirements of boating, boating emergencies, and enjoying water sports.

What is the goal of the course?

The primary goal is to increase boating safety through education. The hope is to see a reduction in boating related accidents, injuries, and property damage on Oregon waterways.

Why does the Oregon State Marine Board want your help?

Nearly 250,000 boaters will need to get boating safety training over the next 7 years in order to comply with the Mandatory Education Law.

Boaters have to have convenient access to boating safety courses in their communities. Partnering with other agencies and having a strong instructor core makes this possible to help achieve the goal of safer boating.

How do I become an Approved Instructor?

1. Review the qualifications and duties listed in this brochure.
2. Contact the Oregon State Marine Board to request an instructor application packet.
3. Submit the *Instructor Application* and *References List* to the Marine Board. We will review it and conduct a background check.
4. Wait for notification of acceptance or denial of your application. If accepted you will be invited to attend an Instructor Training Course.
5. Successfully pass the Instructor Course and receive your approved course provider number. You're ready to teach!
6. To retain your status you must teach at least one course per year and attend any further training sessions required by the Marine Board.

Boat Oregon Instructor Qualifications

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Pass a background check conducted by the Marine Board Education Division.
- Have successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and have an Oregon Boater Education Card.
- Have a minimum of one year of power boating experience.
- Have a minimum of 40 hours teaching and/or public speaking experience.
- Ability to conduct classes in a professional manner, be a role model for students, accept other peoples values and opinions and interact with public in a polite and helpful manner.

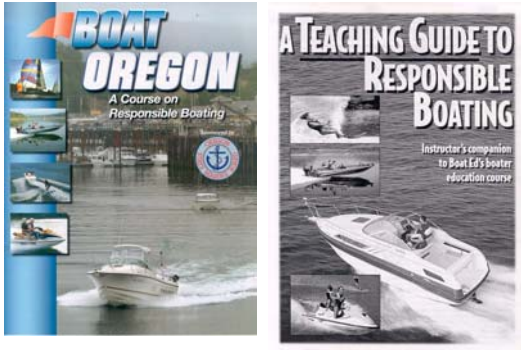
Instructor Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan, promote, organize and conduct the Boat Oregon course within the local community.
- Instruct the Boat Oregon course according to the standards set by the Oregon Marine Board.
- Be familiar with and observe Oregon boating rules and regulations.
- Be familiar with all sections of the Boat Oregon Instructor Manual and audio-visual materials.
- Be able to operate and maintain audio-visual equipment used in teaching the Boat Oregon course, including a television, video cassette player, overhead projector, and slide projector.
- Complete course forms and maintain course records and submit them to the Marine Board as required.
- Adhere to the policies and procedures set forth in the Boat Oregon Instructor Manual.
- Teach/co-teach a minimum of one course per year and attend training sessions to receive updates as required.
- Display a willing attitude to deal with the public in a professional, courteous and helpful manner.
- Present a neat, clean and professional appearance at all times when representing the Marine Board.





Course Materials & Teaching Aids



Instructor Training Course

A fun and interactive session focusing on:

- Teaching Techniques
- Course Standards and Requirements
- Teaching Aids & Materials
- Adding Activities into your Course
- Presentation Practice and Feedback

Why Teach Boating Safety?

Boating Safety is...

- ◆ Important
Teaching others the basics of safe boating is a great way to increase safety on Oregon waterways.
- ◆ Fun
The Marine Board's Boat Oregon course is simple and straightforward and can be fun for both students and instructors.

Boating Safety can...

- ◆ Save lives
Statistics show that boaters who have taken a boating safety course are five times less likely to be involved in a boating accident. By teaching boating safety you can really make a difference.

Contact us for more information.

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TEACH BOATING SAFETY



- ◆ Over 250,000 power boaters will need boating safety training as the new Oregon Mandatory Boater Education requirements are phased in.
- ◆ You can teach in your community.
- ◆ Read this brochure to find out how you can become an Oregon State Marine Board Approved Instructor.

