

Educational Objectives

This 35 hour program is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation in boating safety, boat handling, navigation and seamanship, with added flexibility for participants to choose the vessel type they wish to train on.

Participants can select from single or twin outboard or twin inboard configurations. This choice allows for personalized training that aligns with the specific boating experience or vessel ownership of each student

By completing this course, students will gain critical boating knowledge and hands-on experience with their chosen vessel type and will be on a pathway to earn the Florida Enhanced Boater's Card. Students who take the on-line Safe Boaters Course and successfully pass all four NSBC (National Safe Boating Council) modules will be eligible to apply for the Florida Enhanced Boater's Card in the near future.

The additional time spent on navigation and seamanship throughout the course, provides a solid foundation for beginning boaters, ensuring they are well equipped for a lifetime of safe and enjoyable boating.

Course Description:

Day 1: Monday - 7 hours

8:00am - 8:30am

Overview and Introduction

Introduction to the course schedule, instructors, safety briefing, and course expectations. .

Boating Safety Review

8:30am -12:00pm

Classroom session on essential boating concepts, safety protocols, vessel terminology, pre-departure checklists, and safety equipment usage. Practical instruction on knot tying, fender placement, and boat hook usage.

Basic Boating Systems

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Classroom session covering boat systems, including engine mechanics, electrical systems, GPS, and VHF Marine Radio.

Each student is required to furnish his or her own deck shoes.

Day 2. Tuesday-7 Hours

8:00am - 8-30am

Review of Day 1

Brief recap focusing on safety points and addressing student questions.

8:30am -12:00pm - (NSBC)

Introduction to Powerboating

(2 students per boat)

30 minute review of essential boating concepts, followed by 3 hours of on-water training on participant's chosen vessel type. Focus on boat handling at slow speeds and understanding vessel dynamics.

1:00pm - 4:00pm (NSBC)-Precision Docking & Boat Handling

Procedures for pre-departure vessel check out and an overview of routine and preventive vessel maintenance.

(NSBC)-Open Water Boat Handling

Training on situational awareness, problem recognition, and navigation aids in open water.

(NSBC)-Open Water Advanced Maneuvers

Practice on wakes, waves, turns, stops, collision avoidance, and man- overboard drills.

Day 3. Wednesday-7 Hours

8:00am - 12:00pm

Introduction to Navigation

Classroom session covering basic navigational principles, chart reading, route planning.

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Intermediate Navigation Techniques

Focus on advanced techniques and problem solving in navigation.

Day 4. Thursday-7 Hours

8:00am - 12:00pm

Precision Docking, Maneuvering Advanced Maneuvers

(On chosen vessel: Single or Twin Outboard or Twin Inboard)

Hands-on docking and maneuvering practice using student selected vessel.

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Introduction to Navigation (cont.)

Reinforcement and practical application of navigational skills.

Day 5. Friday-7 Hours

8:00am - 12:00pm

Precision Docking, Maneuvering Advanced Maneuvers

(On chosen vessel: Single or Twin Outboard or Twin Inboard)

Continued docking and maneuvering exercises on selected vessel.

1:00am - 4:00pm

Review and Final Exam

Comprehensive review of course content followed by final assessment.

Admission Requirements

- Minimum student age 15
- Registration Form completed and signed (by a parent or guardian if under 18)
- Provision of official photo ID with registration
- Payment of full tuition
- Completion of a State Approved Boater Safety Course
- Class requires minimum number of Three (3) students

Course No.	Start Date	Ending Date
<u>2025 Classes</u>		
01-25	01/06	01/10
02-25	02/03	02/07
03-25	03/03	03/07
04-25	04/21	04/25
05-25	05/05	05/09
06-25	No Class Scheduled	
07-25	No Class Scheduled	
08-25	08/04	08/08
09-25	09/08	09/12
10-25	10/06	10/10
11-25	11/17	11/21
12-25	12/08	12/12

(Classes meet 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Monday through Friday with 1 hour lunch break)

Certification

This course conforms to the American National Standard for on-water skills as verified through an independent third-party assessment process.

Recognized by the American National Standards Institute as the On-Water Power standards which identify fundamental skills that entry-level recreational boat operators should be able to demonstrate after receiving instruction.

A Certificate of Completion is awarded for completion of the National Safe Boating Council Modules Boating Essentials, which are completed on day 2 of the program.

Students who pass the Advanced Power Boating exam given at completion of the program and successfully master the vessel handling skills throughout the program will also be awarded a "Certificate of Completion" from the Chapman School of Seamanship.

Tuition

Non-refundable deposit	\$200.00
Tuition Balance	\$1,100.00
Total.....	\$1,300.00

- Payment of the full tuition is due with the completed and signed Registration Form and a copy of an official photo ID.
- Tuition includes books, supplies and laboratory fees.
- Tuition does not include housing, board or transportation.
- All costs are payable in US currency only.
- The School accepts, Discover, Visa, Master Card, or American Express.

The School does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, race or ethnic origin in the administration of its policies & programs.

Curriculum, fees, expenses and other matters described herein are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Chapman School of Seamanship. Currently enrolled students who have paid in full will not be affected by any such changes unless they change the date of enrollment to a future class.

Transfer/Refund Policy

- If registration is not accepted by the School, all payments made will be refunded.
- If cancellation is requested within three (3) business days after signing the Registration Form, all payments will be refunded in accordance with the buyer's right to cancel.
- If the School cancels the program due to insufficient student enrollment, I may be rescheduled to a future class, or all payments made will be refunded. In the event that I am unable to attend the class for which I am registered the following change/refund policy will apply:
 1. If cancellation is requested more than three (3) business days after signing the Registration Form but, before the beginning of classroom instruction, the applicant is obligated for the non-refundable Tuition Deposit.
 2. Where notice is provided to the School more than fourteen (14) days before the start of class, a student may transfer to another class (if available), upon payment of a \$50.00 transfer fee.
 3. Where notice is provided to the School less than 14 days before the start of class to cancel, or if the applicant does not arrive for the scheduled class, or if the applicant wishes to withdraw from class once classes have begun, the applicant may be obligated for the full amount of the tuition.
- If a credit card was used as the original method of payment, a convenience fee of 3.0% of the total amount refunded will apply for all transactions.
- Applicable refunds are made within 30 days.

Student Housing

- Apartments have a bedroom, convertible living room/bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, and covered porch. Apartments are air-conditioned, furnished, and equipped with counter top range, refrigerator, and cooking utensils.
- Number of students per apartment is generally a maximum of two.
- Housing is offered on a space available basis.

Student Housing...Cont.

- School is not responsible for loss of any personal property. Sorry, no pets.
- Housing fees are due 10 days prior to the start of class.

Housing Fees

Housing Fee.... \$80.00(per night)

- For a second or third person in a party add \$20 per night/ per person
- Housing includes utilities.

Housing Refund

- If a student cancels prior to the start of class, housing fees will be refunded.
- Once a student moves into the facilities no fees will be refunded.
- In the event of damage to the accommodations, the student will be responsible for all costs required to repair the damaged school property.
- If a credit card was used as the original method of payment, a convenience fee of 3.0% of the total amount refunded will apply for all transactions.
- Applicable refunds are made within thirty (30) days.

Travel Considerations

If travelling to the School from outside of Florida we strongly suggest you purchase refundable air fares or arrange for trip cancellation insurance.



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