

Program Overview

Whether you are new to powerboating or would like to increase your confidence in docking and maneuvering in close quarters, this course is for you.

The Boat Control On-Water Training Course Modules are designed to teach boat handling skills to recreational boaters or personnel hired to operate a vessel used in marine patrol.

Taught by a National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Certified Instructor, the course progresses from safety gear and the pre-launch checklist to docking and refueling in close quarters; each maneuver is repeated advancing from idle speed to displacement mode, then planing mode.

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Powerboating

This class will guide you through the basics of boating.

We will spend 1 hour in the classroom reviewing essential concepts. Safety is foremost, starting with an introduction to boat nomenclature, pre-departure checklists, and the use of safety equipment.

Once everyone is comfortable, we head out on the water to learn boat handling at slow speeds.

Our goal is to get you comfortable and confident with moving the vessel and understanding the dynamics of boat control, preparing you to boat safely on any waterway—be it a lake, pond, Intra-coastal Waterway (ICW), or open water.

Module 2: Precision Docking and Boat Handling

Docking is an essential skill for all boaters. In this course, we will build on your boat handling skills while introducing the fundamentals of docking with plenty of practice.

You'll learn to have a docking plan before you leave or approach the docks and brief that plan to your crew.

Navigating the docks of busy marinas will become second nature with our hands-on training.

Vessel Type: Single Engine Vessel up to 26'

Module 3: Open Water Boat Handling

This module continues to build on your boat handling skills in open water away from the docks.

We emphasize building your "situational awareness," enabling you to recognize potential problems on the water before they happen.

During this module, we cover aids to navigation and using them in unfamiliar waters, ensuring you can navigate safely and confidently.

Module 4: Open Water Advanced Maneuvers

In this module, we tackle wakes, waves, and other vessels head-on. We practice handling these everyday situations you may encounter on the water. As we practice, the turns, stops, and collision avoidance maneuvers become tighter and more aggressive, preparing you for any challenges. We also drill on man overboard and other critical advanced skills, ensuring you're ready for anything on any waterway.

Course Schedule

Modules 1 & 2: (4 hours):

1 hour classroom review and 3 hours on the water.

Modules 1-4: (7 hours) 1 hour classroom review and 6 hours on the water. Duration may vary depending on the age and boating experience of the student.

If there are 2 students, all four modules can be completed in a single 7-hour day.

If there are 3 or more students (maximum of 4 per boat), the course will be taken over a 2-day period, 6 hours per day.

Course No.		Course Date
<u>2025 Classes</u>		
	06-25	05/31
	07-25	07/12
	08-25	08/02
	09-25	09/06
	10-25	10/04
	11-25	11/01
	12-25	12/06
Class hours	8:30 am to 12:30pm	Modules 1 & 2 (Half Course)
	8:30 am to 4:30pm	Modules 1-4 (Full Course)

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.

More information about these standards can be found at www.abycinc.org or www.usnows.org.

A Certificate of Completion is awarded for completion of :

Modules: 1 & 2 (Half Course)
Introduction to Power Boating
and

Modules 1-4 (Full course)
Boating Essentials

Admission Requirements

- Minimum student age 11.
- Registration Form completed and signed (by a parent/guardian if under 18)
- Payment of full tuition.
- Provision of official photo ID with Registration.
- Completion of State-Approved Boater Safety Course

Modules require a minimum of two (2) students unless Private Instruction is requested.

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

Tuition

Modules 1-4 (Full Course):

Total Tuition: \$700 per person
(Non refundable tuition \$200.00)
(Minimum 2 people)

Modules 1-2 (Half Course):

Total Tuition: \$450 per person
(Non refundable tuition \$200.00)
(Minimum 2 people)

Change / Cancellation Policy

If I am unable to attend the class for which I am registered the following change/cancellation policy will apply:

- If notice is provided to the School more than 14 business days before the class start date to reschedule, a one time change may be allowed and a \$50.00 transfer fee will apply. The rescheduled class must be taken within 3 months of the originally scheduled class date or all tuition will be forfeited.
- If cancellation is requested more than 14 days before the class start date the portion of the tuition which is non-refundable will be forfeited, however if cancellation occurs less than 14 days before the class start date, all tuition will be forfeited.
- Where a refund applies, 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 to refund transactions.

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

Notes:



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