

# Boating

## Safety Education Training Course



### Boating - Age of Operation

NOTE: Beginning on Jan. 1, 2016, no person born on or after Jan. 1, 1998, unless exempted by subsection (i), shall operate a motorboat with over 10 horsepower unless that person has a valid Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources or an entity or organization recognized and approved by the Department.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower if not adhering to these regulations.

1. No person under 10 years of age may operate a motorboat.
2. Persons at least 10 and less than 12 years of age may operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower ONLY if they are either accompanied by and are under the direct control of a parent, guardian or a person at least 18 years of age designated by the parent or guardian.
3. Persons at least 12 and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower only if they are:
  - a) accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian or,
  - b) such a motorboat operator is in the possession of a certification card issued by the Department of Natural Resources, Safety Education authorizing the holder to operate motorboats.
4. Violators of this Section done with the knowledge of a parent or guardian shall be deemed a violation by the parent or guardian and punishable under Chapter 625 ILCS 45/5.18.
5. This course is certified by the National Association of State Boating Law Administration (NASBLA).

### Department Policy

The mere attendance of this safety education training and taking the written test will not guarantee the passing of this course. Multiple criteria, such as mental and physical acuity, the ability to demonstrate and recognize safe procedures, attitude and the maturity level of each individual student will be a factor assessed by the instructors in the final certification process.

DATE(S): SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026 OR MAY 16

TIME(S): 8:00 am to 4 pm

LOCATION: APRIL 11: GRANT TWP. OFFICE / MAY 16: FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
26725 W. MOLITOR RD. / CHURCH 24300 W. GRASS LAKE RD.  
INGLESIDE, IL 60041 / ANTIOCH, IL 60002

REGISTRATION: GO TO WEBSITE: BOATSAFE509@GMAIL.COM.  
password: Impala 03\$

SPONSOR: FOX WATERWAY AGENCY, FOX LAKE

**FREE EVENT**

## Course Subjects

- Basic Boating Safety
- Equipment & Requirements
- Motorboat Registration & Titling
- Navigation
- Basic Maintenance
- Emergency Measures
- Illinois Boating Laws



For further information concerning the Safety Education Programs, contact:  
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