



PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION

PA BASIC BOATING COURSE FACT SHEET

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| <p>PURPOSE</p> | <p>The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Instructors provide students with information to help them reduce the risk of injury and conflict on the water.</p> |
| <p>STUDENTS</p> | <p>This course was designed for Pennsylvania's recreational power boaters. However, it can be presented to any group interested in boating or boating safety.</p> |
| <p>INSTRUCTORS</p> | <p>This course is taught by Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission employees and certified volunteer instructors. Instructor training can be arranged by contacting the Commission's Outreach & Education Section or the appropriate Regional Outreach and Education Coordinator.</p> |
| <p>CLASS TIME</p> | <p>A minimum of eight (8) hours is required.</p> |
| <p>CERTIFICATES</p> | <p>Boating Safety Education Certificates are required for all operators of personal watercraft, regardless of age, and for boat operators born after January 1, 1982 that operate motorboats of more than 25 horsepower. Students who successfully complete this course may apply for a Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the Commission. To receive a Boating Safety Education Certificate, the student must send a check or money order for \$10.00 to the Commission. The PA Basic Boating course meets the mandatory education standards set by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) for motorboat operation, and Commission certification is accepted in most states with mandatory education requirements.</p> |
| <p>CONTENT</p> | <p>This course presents information on boating and water safety and contains six chapters followed by a 50-question multiple-choice test. A passing grade of 80% must be achieved. Instructors provide course materials to the students.</p> |
| <p>COURSE OUTLINE</p> | <p><i>Chapter 1</i> - Introduction <i>Chapter 2</i> - Legal Requirements (State and Federal) <i>Chapter 3</i> - Other Water Activities <i>Chapter 4</i> - PA Operation Requirements, Navigation and Communications <i>Chapter 5</i> - Boat Operations <i>Chapter 6</i> - Safety and Rescue</p> |

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| HOW DO I FIND A BOATING COURSE? | Commission Boating Course Hotline PA Fish & Boat Commission Web Site Contact a ROEC (see below) | 1-888-PA-FISH1 or 1-888-723-4741 fishandboat.com |
| COMMISSION EDUCATION OFFICE | Bureau of Policy, Planning & Communications Communications Division Outreach & Education Section | 717-705-7833 FAX: 717-705-7831 E-mail: ra-be@state.pa.us |
| PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES | Persons with disabilities who wish to participate in a Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission program and anticipate the need for special accommodations should contact the Bureau of Policy, Planning & Communications, a Regional Outreach and Education Coordinator, or one of the Commission's regional law enforcement offices listed below. | |

PFBC REGIONAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

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| NORTHWEST 814-337-0444 FAX: 814- 337-0579 | <u>Counties</u> Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren |
| SOUTHWEST 814-445-8974 FAX: 814-445-3497 | <u>Counties</u> Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland |
| NORTHEAST 570-477-5717 FAX: 570-477-3221 | <u>Counties</u> Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming |
| SOUTHEAST 717-626-0228 FAX: 717-626-0486 | <u>Counties</u> Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Schuylkill |
| NORTHCENTRAL 814-359-5250 FAX: 814-359-5250 | <u>Counties</u> Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, Lycoming, Montour, McKean, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, Union |
| SOUTHCENTRAL 717-486-7087 FAX: 717-486-8227 | <u>Counties</u> Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York |

REGIONAL OUTREACH AND EDUCATION COORDINATORS (ROEC)

(Same counties apply for each ROEC region as listed above)

For the ROEC e-mail addresses on the Commission web site, click on "Directory," URL as follows: <http://fishandboat.com/dir.htm>

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| NORTHWEST | 814-336-2426 FAX: 814-337-0579 | NORTHCENTRAL | 814-359-5193 FAX: 814-359-5153 |
| SOUTHWEST | 814-443-9841 FAX: 814-445-3497 | NORTHEAST | 570-477-2206 FAX: 570-477-3221 |
| SOUTHCENTRAL | 717-705-7850 FAX: 717-705-7831 | SOUTHEAST | 717-626-9081 FAX: 717-626-0486 |