



PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION
**INTERNET AND
 VIDEO/CORRESPONDENCE COURSES
 FACT SHEET**

PURPOSE	<p>The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's Internet and Video/Correspondence Courses were developed to give boaters the information they need to make better-informed decisions on the water. Learning about boating makes this popular recreational activity safer and more enjoyable.</p>
WHAT IS LONG DISTANCE LEARNING?	<p>Sometimes it is inconvenient for boaters to attend a classroom boating course. To make boating courses available to everyone the Commission now offers long distance learning. Boaters can now take one of the Commission's Boat Pennsylvania courses in the comfort of their own home. Visit the Commission's web site at fishandboat.com/98boatco.htm and click on one of the Internet provider icons to link to an Internet boating course. You can also order the Boat Pennsylvania video-correspondence course, or get information on where the nearest classroom boating course is being held.</p>
STUDENTS	<p>The Boat Pennsylvania courses were designed for Pennsylvania's recreational power boaters. However, any person interested in boating or boating safety will enjoy and benefit from them.</p>
CERTIFICATES	<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 one of the approved Internet courses receives a Temporary Boating Safety Education Certificate (good for 60 days) issued by the course provider. In fact, students who pass an approved Internet course can download their Temporary Certificate to their printer. Students then have the option of purchasing a Permanent Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. To receive a permanent Certificate, the student must pay an additional \$10.00 certification fee. The approved Internet courses meet 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>Both Internet courses and Boat Pennsylvania's video/correspondence course present information on boating and water safety. Both types of courses have six chapters of boating information followed by a practice test (Internet) or chapter review exercises (video-correspondence). Once the student is secure with his/her knowledge, he/she can take the final 75-question multiple-choice certification exam. A grade of 80% must be achieved to pass either course.</p>	
<p>WHERE CAN I ORDER A LONG-DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE?</p>	<p>To order the Internet Boating Course, visit the Commission's web site at fishandboat.com/98boatco.htm. The price for Boat Pennsylvania's Internet course is \$34.50. The price for Boater Exam's Internet course is \$34.95. Both fees are payable to the course provider who designed and administers the course (\$10 additional fee for each Permanent PFBC Boating Safety Education Certificate). To order the Boat Pennsylvania Video-Correspondence Course, call 1-800-830-2268. The price is \$39.95 plus \$5 shipping & handling (\$10 additional fee for each Permanent Boating Safety Education Certificate). The video/correspondence course consists of 1 DVD, 1 Book, and 1 Exam. Each additional book and exam is \$10.00. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for each exam submitted to Boat Ed.</p>	
<p>HOW DO I FIND A CLASSROOM COURSE?</p>	<p>Commission Boating Course Hotline PA Fish & Boat Commission Web Site Contact a ROEC (see below)</p>	<p>1-888-PA FISH1 or (1-888-723-4741) fishandboat.com</p>
<p>COMMISSION EDUCATION OFFICE</p>	<p>Bureau of Policy, Planning & Communications Communications Division Outreach & Education Section</p>	<p>717-705-7833 FAX: 717-705-7831 E-Mail: ra-be@state.pa.us</p>

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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: 814-359-5254	<u>Counties</u> Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, Union
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REGIONAL EDUCATION and OUTREACH COORDINATORS (REOC)

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

For the REOC e-mail addresses on the Commission web site, click on "Directory,"

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