Today, you may use a laptop or whiteboard in school and a smartphone to do your homework. You may use digital books instead of printed textbooks or even go to a cyber school. Your education has changed with the times.

The PFBC has also changed. Boating education courses can now be taken online. The agency’s website contains links to every Pennsylvania fishing and boating subject imaginable. You can enjoy online issues of Pennsylvania Angler & Boater magazine from 1931 to the present. You can print copies of past PLAY newsletters, like the one you are reading today. You can even visit staff at a show in-person one day and watch them on YouTube the next day.

Technology used in education has changed a great deal since 1866, but the goals for education have remained the same. The Commission uses education to help people become better anglers, safer boaters and protectors and stewards of the aquatic resources.

Technology is fun, and video games can be great. Still, it’s even more fun to get outdoors with a friend and go fishing or boating. It’s healthy, too. So, put aside that Kindle, iPad or Notebook, and prepare to launch into the next generation of conservation education—your own.

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Highlights from PFBC History

- 1997-The magazine changes its name to Pennsylvania Angler & Boater.
- 2002-The Fishing Tackle Loaner Program is started.
- 2006-Family fishing programs began.
- 2008-Trout in the Classroom began.
- 2013-The first Mentored Youth Day was held.
- 2014-The Voluntary Youth Fishing License becomes available. Money raised from the sale of this special license continues to be dedicated to providing programs to youth.