

Sheriff's Office – Public Interest

FAQ:

Who should take this course ?

People who need a boating safety certificate.

A boating safety certificate is required for persons 12-15 years of age to operate a motorboat.

A boating safety certificate is required to operate a personal watercraft (PWC) if the operator was born after December 31, 1978. The new minimum age for PWC operators who obtain a boating safety certificate after Jan. 1, 1999 is 14 years of age.

People of all ages who are interested in safe boating.

What is covered ?

Safe operation of personal watercraft

Age requirements for operators of different types of watercraft

Equipment and registration requirements for different types of watercraft

Personal floatation devices: types and uses

The rules of the road for boaters

How long is the class ?

The class takes about 6 hours, depending on class size.

How much does it cost ?

There is no cost, but pre-registration is required.