

ILLINOIS VALLEY POWER SQUADRON

2012 Class Schedule

WHY TAKE A BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE?

Throughout the year, many people operate motor-driven watercraft on the Illinois waters and many operate for the first time. So, we encourage people of all ages - both novice and experienced - to take the course. Each of us has the responsibility to keep this lifetime leisure activity free from tragedy and personal loss to ourselves and our fellow boaters. America's Boating Course and other classes are offered with these objectives in mind.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLASS

America's Boating Course is a course on Boating Safety, US and Illinois Boating Rules and Regulations, Marine Radio, Knots and Lines, Aids to Navigation, Boat Handling, Emergencies, & Personal Watercraft Operation and Rules. Most insurance companies provide reduced boat insurance rates for course graduates. This course also satisfies the written part of Boat Operator Certification (same as a driver's license for boats) that is being mandated to all states by Homeland Security. United States Power Squadron has been designated the organization to administer Boat Operator Certification to keep it uniform in all states. This would allow a Certified Boat Operator to operate or rent a boat in any state depending on the level of certification they achieve, after the mandate takes effect. Many people that have been boating for years are surprised and pleased by what they learn from this course.

The cost for the class is \$40 which includes a manual & test. Family members may attend the class & share the same text for an additional \$10 per person. Harvey Young, the Squadron Education Officer from Illinois Valley Power Squadron, (Power and Sail boats) will teach the class assisted by several other certified instructors.

Completing the 8-hours of classroom instruction and passing exam will enable youths between 12 and 18 to operate a motorboat, including personal watercraft, in Illinois without adult supervision

For further information or to register for these classes, contact Harvey at (309) 256-3532 or you can also email him at safeboatoperator@gmail.com

Course Name	Start / End Dates	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
America's Boating Class	Meets 5 consecutive Wednesday nights starting March 7 2012	6:30 pm	IVY Club	Harvey Young	309-256-3532
America's Boating Class	Meets 5 consecutive Wednesday nights starting May 2 2012	6:30 pm	IVY Club	Harvey Young	309-256-3532

Advanced Classes

Course Name	Start / End Dates	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
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