Safe Powerboat Handling
– Drivers Education for Boaters™

This sixteen hour, on-the-water course is for anyone who wants to learn how to safely operate a powerboat or improve their on-the-water boat handling skills. No experience necessary. The topics are covered using a variety of techniques in the classroom and dockside, emphasizing on-the-water practical application of all skills. Topics covered include:

**Classroom Sessions**
- Safety, prep & weather
- Maneuvering concepts
- Registration & capacities
- Equipment requirements
- Prep & fueling procedures
- Navigation
- Rules of the road
- Aids to navigation
- Environment regulations

**On-the-Water Sessions**
- Engine & electrical systems
- Starting procedures
- Docking
- Leave & return to a slip
- Close-quarters maneuvers
- High-speed maneuvers
- Anchoring
- Steering a range
- Emergency Procedures & Rendering Assistance
- Person-in-Water rescue

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has approved the course which also meets the boating safety certificate requirements.

**Details:**
- **Instructor:** USCG Licensed Captain with US POWERBOATING Instructor Certification
- **Age Group:** 10 – adult (children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult)
- **Group Size:** 6 - 12
- **Time:** TBD - 16 hours; usually two 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. days

**Certifications:**
- US Powerboating Safe Boating Certificate

**Fee:** $1,800 + travel and lodging at standard rates if necessary
($2,000 + travel and lodging at standard rates if necessary for weekends in May and June)
Includes:
- USCG Licensed Captain with US POWERBOATING Instructor Certification (2 days)
- Textbooks, review questions, certification materials up to 12 students

Extra:
- Host facility registers students and provides classroom and 1 boat/2-3 students
- State boating safety fees are paid directly to state agency

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