

Welcome to the Boater101 Program!

Congratulations! You have just taken the first step to boating safely by participating in the *BOATER101* program. *BOATER101* is a fun, informative way to learn about boating safety and environmental awareness. This program was developed in 1993 by Marine University, a non-profit organization, through collaboration with marine industry members. The goal of this program is to create an educational experience that the participants will use throughout their lives.

To become a certified boater, you must complete the following steps:

1. Familiarize yourself with the federal boating safety information included in the Boater101 Manual.
2. Visit the Boater101 web site to review state-specific information for your state. Each state has boating laws in addition to the federal regulations discussed in this manual that are unique. You must familiarize yourself with your state's regulations to ensure that you are following all the appropriate laws.
3. Finish the course by either taking an online exam or classroom course. During these courses, you will be able to learn from supplemental materials including color navigation graphics. The availability of the online exam or classroom course is dependent on state requirements. You will be directed to the appropriate venue once you register online.

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We hope you enjoy the program!



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