

Boating safety class offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

About Boating Safely is a state approved boating course taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on April 17, from 9 am- 4 pm. The class will be held at Lake Murray Community Center, 1031 St. Peters Church Road, Lexington.

\$25 course fee includes materials. Class size is limited. For more information or to register, contact Festus Burchfield at (803) 240-4830 or email boatsafe@earthlink.net.

Students who pass the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating course will be issued the South Carolina Boater Education Card from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

This is an introductory boating course with emphasis on recreational boating safety. You will learn what to do before you get underway and the basics of protecting and handling your boat or PWC safely. Also included are waterways

navigation, safety equipment, boating problems and emergencies, and legal requirements for boating in South Carolina.

The boating course is designed for boaters of all ages and experience; there is something for everyone.

In South Carolina, boaters under 16 years of age are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating, without supervision, a personal wa-

tercraft (PWC) or a boat powered by 15 hp motor or more.

Many insurance companies offer discounts to graduates of the boating education course.

The Auxiliary is a component of the U. S. Coast Guard, staffed by over 30,000 civilian volunteers who donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.