

Boating Courses and Programs

Whether you are new to boating or want to brush up on your skills, these courses and programs will help make your boating both safe and fun for all. All topics are taught by experienced members of the Buzzards Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

2018

April 21

Boat Handling Program \$35

Learn how to safely and confidently control your boat in close quarters and open water.
Location: Mashpee Public Library, from 10am to 3pm w/break for lunch



April 28

Marine Weather Program \$25

Learn how to understand forecasts and use your own on board resources to determine weather which may affect your boating.
Location: Mashpee Public Library, from 10am to 12 noon



**May 3, 10,
17 & 24**

America's Boating Course (8 hour course / 4 sessions) \$55

The introduction to boating covers the basics needed to operate a boat safely, including rules of the road, required equipment, personal watercraft operation, anchoring, boat handling techniques and more.*
Location: Bourne Public Library, from 6:30pm to 9pm



May 2

Introduction to Celestial Navigation Free

Ever wonder how they do it? Come for a fun social evening and learn how celestial navigation works.
Location: Bourne Public Library, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

May 5

Marine Equipment & Connections Program \$25

Adding or updating marine equipment is tough. Come learn what to get and why, and how to hook it up.
Location: Mashpee Public Library, from 10am to 12 noon



May 12

Boat Handling Program \$35

Learn how to safely and confidently control your boat in close quarters and open water.
Location: Mashpee Public Library, from 10am to 3pm w/break for lunch

May 23

Knots and Marlinspike Seamanship Program Free

Come for a fun social evening and learn the knots you need to know to look like and be an experienced boater.
Location: Bourne Public Library, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

June 15&16 On the Water Boat Handling (8 hour course / 2 sessions)

Hands-on practice of operating a powerboat in open water; includes maneuvering through an obstacle course, emergency stopping, pivoting, mooring, docking and use of lines

Location: Parker's Boat Yard, Cataumet

Friday: Classroom session, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturday: On the water session, 7:30am to 12 noon or 12:30pm to 5:30pm

Cost: \$100 for members, \$200 for non-members - space is limited, register early

June 2 & 9

America's Boating Course (8 hour course / 2 sessions) \$55

See description above at May 1.

Location: Falmouth Public Library, from 9:00am to 2:00pm

June 23

Basic Coastal Navigation Program \$35

Learn how to use GPS, charts, compasses and basic plotting tools. Use charts to prepare and plan a voyage, then navigate a simulated cruise on charts.

Location: Mashpee Public Library, from 10am to 3pm w/break for lunch

July 8

America's Boating Course - Kids only! \$55

See description above at May 1. For young boaters, 12 to 15 years of age

Location: Falmouth Public Library, from 9:30am to 5pm



Questions?

For more information on any program, or to register for **America's Boating Courses** or **On the Water Boat Handling**, email Dick Moore at chmbrck@live.com or call Dick at 508-888-8238.

Preregistration is not required for the other programs. Just show up and start learning!

**This course meets requirements for the Massachusetts Operator's Certification (powerboat operation by 12 to 15 year olds). Upon successful completion, your application for the MA Operator's Certificate will be forwarded to the State for processing.*

Meeting locations are subject to change.

Please check our website at www.bbsps.org for any updates.

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