

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public Education where the boater comes to learn about the "rules of the road" and best on the water practices.

Many classes are taught on safe boating by Auxiliary instructors that are very knowledgeable and have many years of boating experience to draw from.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers many other public boating courses such as

"The Weekend Navigator", "GPS for Mariners", "Suddenly In Command" as well as the top boating course "Basic Skills and Seamanship, BS&S"



Attend a Coast Guard Auxiliary taught course and be assured of getting a great amount of collective knowledge on how to be a safer boater from "America's Volunteer Lifesavers".

Those that have worked hard for and wear the Coast Guard Auxiliary device for Recreational Boating Safety will be able to make your time spent learning about boating safety a truly rewarding experience.



What is a Vessel Safety Check?

It is a *free* check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with federal and state safety requirements. The vessel examiners performing this service have been trained to look for some of the more common problems, which might occur in your boat or its associated safety equipment. Some of the items we check are;

Proper display of numbers

Registration/Documentation

Personal Flotation Devices; Life Jackets

Visual Distress Signals

Fire extinguishers

Ventilation

Backfire flame control

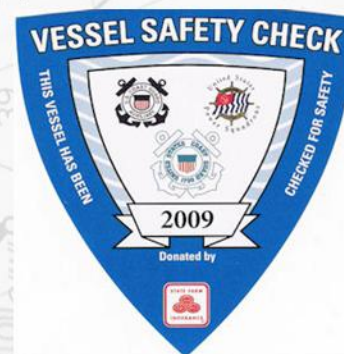
Sound producing devices

Navigation lights

State requirements

Overall vessel condition

If a vessel meets all of the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) requirements it is awarded a VSC decal.



Recreational Boating Safety Visitor Program



Program Partner—

A community based business or facility where the general public has access that supports safe

boating by displaying safe boating literature at their location(s) provided by a Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitor, RBSPV.

This can be a marina, retail store, dentist office, doctors office, insurance agency, tag agency, hospital, boat repair facility, sail maker, hardware store, convenience store, etc....

Program Visitor—

A member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary specifically trained to visit with and distribute safe boating materials to locations that have agreed to be a Safe Boating Program Sponsor.

A Program Visitor brings information to the Program Partner who distributes it to the general public.

YOU TOO CAN BE A RECREATIONAL BOATING SPECIALIST!! Contact the Email on the reverse for more information.