

SAFE BOATING ON LAKE TEMPLENE

BOATER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

You need boating education in Michigan if you were born after June 30, 1996, and will be operating a motorized vessel on Michigan waters. Those born after Dec. 31, 1978, need boating education to operate a Personal Watercraft (PWC - also sometimes called a jet ski or wave-runner).

Boaters born after June 30, 1996, and most personal watercraft operators who operate a vessel in Michigan, must have a boater education card (boating safety certificate).

There are a few different ways to earn your boating safety certificate:

Online:

Take a boating safety class at www.boatEd.com. (The Michigan Boat Ed Course fee is \$29.50.) Take and pass the final exam. Print out your permanent Michigan boating safety certificate once you have successfully completed the course and passed the exam.

Another option: Interactive Online Boating License Course. (This costs \$49.95.) <https://www.ilearntoboat.com/michigan/>

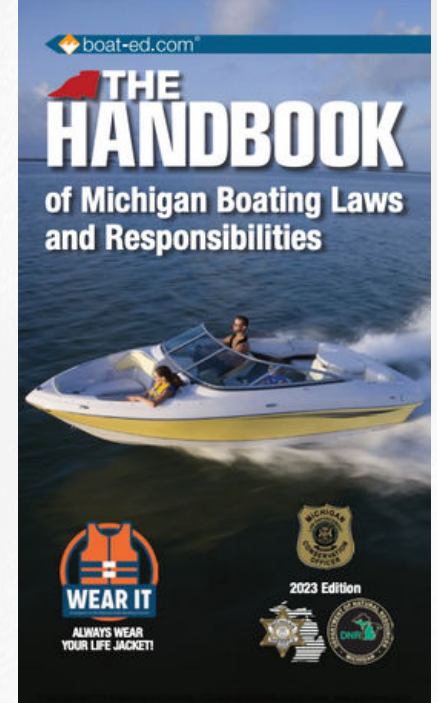
Classroom-based course:

[Find a classroom-based boater safety education course.](#)

You can enter your zip code to search for classes near you.

Other options:

The [U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary](#) and United States Power Squadron (also known as [America's Boating Club](#)) provide instruction to boaters at all levels (fundamental to advanced courses). Some classes will give you the knowledge you need to obtain a boating safety certificate and may be fee based. Although there are some people who do not need to obtain a boating safety certificate to legally operate a boat or personal watercraft, Michigan conservation officers and county sheriffs encourage everyone operating a boat in Michigan to enroll in a course.



KEEP IN MIND

IT TAKES ALL OF US TO
KEEP OUR LAKE SAFE.
EDUCATE YOURSELF
AND YOUR GUESTS!

OTHER RESOURCES

The DNR (EGLE) website:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/>

Boating Rules and Regulations:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>

The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities

A comprehensive handbook defining Michigan's boating laws and regulations, navigation rules, weather emergencies, encountering other vessels and much more.

Boating:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating>

Boating Safety Certificate:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/safety-certificate>