



# News Release



## **Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free boating course**

Be comfortable, safe and warm while learning boating safety with Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors in a free virtual boater education course!

The Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a free boating safety course, Boat America, for anyone who wants to learn about the fundamentals of safe and responsible boating. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors will teach the online course using Zoom over three consecutive evenings on February 15, 16 and 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Students who complete the entire course and pass the exam will earn the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Boater Education card. Don't wait to sign up for this course because spring is coming and the lake will be calling you! Register online at <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/177259>.

Textbooks for the course are important and available for \$15.00 in the Boating Course Payment menu option at [www.uscgaux-lakemurray.com](http://www.uscgaux-lakemurray.com). The textbook and SC DNR Boating Handbook will be mailed to your address.

Boater education is necessary to reduce loss of life, personal injury and property damage while increasing boating enjoyment. Boaters under 16 years of age are required by law to pass an approved boating education course before operating, without supervision, a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a boat powered by a motor of 15 horsepower or more. Completing a boater education course promotes knowledge of boating laws and increased safety awareness. Check with your insurance agent to see if you're eligible for a boating course completion discount for your boat or PWC insurance.

For more information contact Lead Instructor Clay Goodwin at (719) 425-5101 or email [claygoodwin@netscape.net](mailto:claygoodwin@netscape.net). Join us for a family friend time of learning boating safety in the comfort of your home.

*The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit [www.uscgaux-lakemurray.com](http://www.uscgaux-lakemurray.com) and [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).*

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