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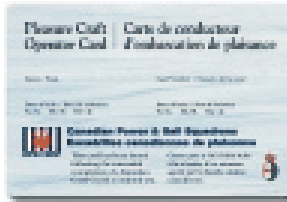
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Do I need a boat "license"?

The correct term is Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate or PCOC, and the simple answer is yes irrelevant of age and horsepower. If you operate a power boat in Canada, you require proof of competency (your PCOC card. Enforcement began September 15, 1999.



How can I get one? There are basically 3 ways to get your card.

- 1-The Good way: PCOC Challenge exam. (Contact your local Squadron for dates, times and locations)
- 2-The Better way: Boating Basics Course. (Contact your local Squadron for dates, times and locations)
- 3-The Best way: The CPS Boating Essentials Course which is often offered in combination with Boating Basics (PCOC) (Contact your local Squadron for dates, times and locations)

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PUBLIC COURSES:

Boating Basics (PCOC) The Operator Card Course - 8 hours

All operators of motorized pleasure craft are required to show proof of operator competency. All you need to know for the Transport Canada test is presented in an easy to read format that is both informative and entertaining. You can be confident that this study guide meets all the standards established by Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety.

As an extra benefit, if you pass the test offered by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, your Card is recognized by BOTH Transport Canada and The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (USA). You may contact Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons to locate a testing facility in your area.

Boating Essentials - 12-15 weeks

Boating Basics gets you out there, Boating Essentials brings you back.

Enjoyment and safety on the water require knowledge. Boating Essentials will take you to the next level in your boating education. Technology has changed the way that we navigate. However, in order to use a GPS/chartplotter effectively, you should understand the use of paper charts and coastal navigation. The topics covered in this course, magnetic compass, global positioning and charts, navigation, conning, plotting, digital charting, anchoring, lines and ropes, will increase your boating knowledge and make your adventures on the water safe and enjoyable.

Navigating with GPS - 3 nights

This course is for the boater who wants to know more about modern electronic devices for navigation and safety afloat.

Fundamentals of Weather

Enables the skipper to understand more fully the factors involved in weather systems, to interpret weather signs and data and to make his/her own local forecast.



Seamanship

Do you know what to do if a boat on fire calls you for help? Can you deal with emergencies on your own boat? Build your confidence on the water, and make your boating a safe and fun experience, by taking the CPS Seamanship Course. You will learn how to cope with these situations, as well as many other aspects of boating, such as relative bearings, knots and splicing, medical emergencies, coping with adverse weather, and much more.

VHF Radio Talk Seminar

A recreational marine radio operator seminar. Learn the phonetic alphabet as well as correct radio telephone operation procedures. This course will enable you to pass the ROCM Radio operators certification examination which will be given at the conclusion of the training session.



Do I Need a License to Use my VHF Radio

To operate a Marine VHF Radio, you must have a license. CPS has been delegated authority to issue Restricted Operator Certificates (Maritime) to Pleasure Craft Operators. A comprehensive theoretical and simulated practical short course (as little as 3 evenings) culminating in an examination for the Industry Canada Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Certificate which is required by anyone who operates a marine radio. The course provides a well structured drilling in all radio-related procedures, with sufficient background information to



Our Mission

To increase awareness and knowledge of safe boating, by educating and training members and the general public, by fostering fellowship among members, and establishing partnerships and alliances with organizations and agencies interested in boating.

ADVANCED COURSES (For CPS members only):

Piloting - 15 Weeks

(Recommended Prerequisite - Boating Essentials)

This course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Boating Course, dealing with precautions to be taken and methods to handle emergency situations. Emphasis is on navigational and piloting skills, seamanship skills, and the boat's capabilities and performance.

Advanced Piloting

(Recommended Prerequisite - Piloting)

Teaches coastal navigation principles as a "pilot" to determine a course, and fix a position by using landmarks and aids to navigation - allowing for current, leeway and the prediction of tides and tidal currents.

Junior Navigator

(Recommended Prerequisite - Advanced Piloting)

When the GPS ceases to work, be guided by the sun. This is the first of a two-course program of Offshore Navigation program for the recreational boater. Learn to use a marine sextant to derive lines of position and a running fix from sights on the sun. When you are boating offshore, remember that GPS is not infallible, nor always available. Be confident when no aids to navigation or land objects are in sight.



Our Flag

When you see this flag being flown from a boat, you can be assured that the operator has taken thorough boating safety training and belongs to the largest safe boating organization in Canada. The operator has also sworn an oath to render assistance, whenever possible, to anyone afloat who is disabled or in distress, and to promote and perpetuate high standards of navigation and seamanship.

