



## AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE® Zoom Meeting w/Instruction

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### Winter 2022

Preliminary as of January 3, 2022

Please understand and follow the following instructions for participating in this course:

First you need to register for this course via the America's Boating Club on-line class registration process. Please use this link:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you>

Second you need to contact John Crawford via phone (508-240-4603) or email (johncr181@gmail.com) to confirm if you want an eBook in pdf format student manual or a hardcopy student manual which is included in the \$60 fee. John can answer your questions about how the class will be conducted via Zoom. You will need this student manual to prepare for the on-line Zoom sessions.

**Please mail a check for \$60 made out to CCSPS to:**

**John Crawford**

**PO Box 181**

**East Orleans, MA 02643**

Zoom Classes will be conducted on Tuesday nights for up to 5 weeks. Each class will review the homework reading material, provide some instructor presentations and some live demonstrations. **Please make sure you have Zoom software downloaded to your computer before the first class.**

An optional final exam will be made available at the conclusion of the class. The format date, time and venue will be determined during the last week of classes.

**SESSION 1 PREPARATION: Read Chapter 1 in the student manual: Boat Terms, Safety Equipment, Going Boating (Sections 1, 2, & 3) and Chapter 2 Navigation Rules, Navigation Aids, Lights & Sound Signals (Sections 4, 5, & 6). Answer questions for Chapter 1 & 2. Have ready a 4 to 6-ft piece of 3/8"-diameter rope at every session for practicing knots.**

**Tuesday, January 25 – 6:30PM - 9:00PM**

WELCOME

**SESSION 1:**

Review Chapter 1: Boat Terms, Safety Equipment, Going Boating. (Sections 1, 2, & 3)

INSTRUCTOR: Dave Atwood

Review Chapter 2: Navigation Rules, Navigation Aids, Lights & Sound Signals. (Sections 4, 5, & 6).

INSTRUCTOR: Charles Burke

HOMEWORK: Read Sections Chapter 1 & Chapter 2. Answer questions for Chapter 1 & 2.

Have ready a 4 to 6-ft piece of 3/8"-diameter rope to every session for practicing knots

**Tuesday, February 1 – 7:00PM - 9:00PM**

**SESSION 2:**

Review Chapter 2: Government Regulations and State & Local Regulations; Chapter 3: Communication Afloat. (Sections 7, 8, & 12).

Review Chapter 3: Anchoring, Adverse Conditions and Emergencies. (Sections 10 & 11)

INSTRUCTOR: Dave Atwood

GROUP ACTIVITY: Knots of the week: Figure Eight (Stopper Knot) & Sheet Bend

Review Chapter 1 & 2 homework.

HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 3 and Chapter 4. Answer questions for Chapter 3 & 4.

Practice the knots of the week.

**Tuesday, February TBD – 7:00PM - 9:00PM**

**SESSION 3:**

Review Chapter 4: Water Sport Safety, Trailering, PWC Operation, Knots & Lines (Sections 13, 14, 15, & 16). Chapter 5: Chart Basics (Section 18, pages 195-200)

INSTRUCTOR: Dave Atwood

GROUP ACTIVITY: Knots of the week: Bowline & Cleat Hitch. Review Chapter 3 & 4 homework.

EXAM REVIEW: Dave Atwood

HOMEWORK: Read Chapter 5. Practice the knots of the week.

**Tuesday, February TBD – 7:00PM - 9:00PM**

**SESSION 4:** Intro to Navigation: Latitude, Longitude, Bearing

INSTRUCTOR: TBD

**Week of TBD after SESSION 4**

**CERTIFICATION EXAM**

**SESSION 5: EXAMINATION – Date, time and Venue TO BE DETERMINED.**

## NOTES:

**Dates for Sessions 3, 4 and 5 will be determined once several scheduling conflicts are resolved.**

There is an optional on-line version of this course which you are welcome to take. It will cost an additional \$34.95. If you take the on-line version of this course you will be given a **\$20 reduction** on this Zoom class fee. To take the on-line course go to this link:

**<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americas-boating-course>**

Following successful certification of the ABC exam, **youth between the ages of 12 and 16** must successfully complete the 10-question multiple-choice Massachusetts Boating Law test to certify to operate a vessel under power without adult supervision.

**3-steps to certification.** This is a basic course...just enough to make you a safe and more confident beginner. Note that the material for each week undergoes a 3-step process: reading & doing homework; attending the Zoom session; reviewing the homework. The instructors are there to review homework, tutor in knots, and provide individual assistance as requested. Our experience is that everyone who devotes a reasonable amount of time and effort to the 3-step process passes the exam, often easily.

Let us know if you would like additional tutoring or clarification on any topic. Proctors are available from 6:30PM before each class for individual or group assistance. If you miss a class, be sure to keep up with the reading and homework, and ask a proctor for the homework answers.

Recordings of each class will be made available a day or two after each session.

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