

NVSPS Public Boating Course Schedule Summer 2010

Our instructor-led [USPS®](#) classroom boating course (America's Boating Course – 3rd edition) offers the public a comprehensive boating safety course for ages 13 and older. The course meets VA, MD, DC and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' (NASBLA) requirements for certification, and it may qualify the individual for boat insurance discounts. The course has a "proctored exam," satisfying the boating certificate requirement of many states.

Students will learn safe boat operation, government regulations, navigation rules, elementary seamanship, charts and aids to navigation, marine radio operations, trailering, knots and lines, and other topics of interest to sailors, power boaters, and operators of personal watercraft or jet skis. In addition, students will receive an introduction to GPS and digital charting.

All students must register prior to the class. You will purchase the course book, charting tools, and materials at the first class, by cash or check made out to NVSPS—no credit cards please. You may share books in your family for a substantial discount. **The schools, parks, and community centers receive an additional facility use and administration fee per person, payable to them at registration, before the class starts.** All classes begin at 7 PM and end at 9 PM, unless otherwise stated. Dates, location, and phone numbers to call for registration follow.

Course Description:

- [USPS® America's Boating Course-3rd Edition](#)
This seven-session course familiarizes you with the fundamentals of safe boat handling and operation, basic piloting and navigation, and digital charting in one comprehensive classroom setting. America's Boating Course includes a chapter on navigation and chart work that is critical to safe boating on the lower Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. **The price of the course is \$40 for the book, tools, and materials; family members may share**

materials for a substantial discount. Any administrative and facility-use fees are paid separately to the county or the community center at the time of your registration.

We also offer special interest seminars that are open to members and non-members at a nominal fee:

- **GPS, VHF Radio, How to Read a Chart, Boat Handling, Sail Trim & Rig Tuning, Anchoring, Marine Radar, On-Board Weather Forecasting, etc.**

USPS® Seminars instruct in-depth on the use of these various systems. Seminars run approximately 2 ½ hours in length. The seminars increase your understanding with up-to-date presentations and materials. The price of a seminar is typically \$35.

Boating Course Schedules, Locations, and Registration Information:

Course: **America's Boating Course-3rd edition**

(6 sessions, Tuesdays)

Start Date: 29 Jun 2010

End Date: 3 Aug 2010

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Chantilly High School

Address: 4201 Stringfellow Rd

City: Chantilly, VA 20151

Registration: Register online at Fairfax County Park Authority at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm> or call (703)449-8639

**SEMINARS AND OTHER PROGRAMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(These courses do not satisfy the boating safety certificate requirement. They are in-depth seminars on specific subjects.)**

The USPS® offers skill-specific seminars on topics, like GPS, VHF Radio, Charting, Sail Trim and Rig Tuning, Boat Handling, and On-Board Weather Forecasting and will soon offer on-the-water certificates of boating proficiency. Seminars for the

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spring have not been scheduled yet. Please contact the SEO if you are interested in any particular seminar topics.

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If you have time, interest, and energy to devote to boating education and the USPS®, you may join the USPS as a member and take our Advanced and Elective Courses (see separate schedule):

Seamanship (S)

Piloting (P)

Advanced Piloting (AP)

Junior Navigation (Basic celestial navigation - Sun only) (JN)

Navigation (Advanced celestial navigation - Moon, Planets, & Stars) (N)

Weather (W)

Engine Maintenance (EM)

Marine Electronics (ME)

Cruise Planning (CP)

Sail (S)

Instructor Development (ID)

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To join the USPS®, please contact our Membership Chair, Fred Zugay, JN at eaglebs271@cox.net.

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