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# Press Release

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## **Boating Safety Course Offered in Friday Harbor**

America's Boating Course will be taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 8:00am– 5:00pm at San Juan County Fire Station, 1011 Mullis Street, in Friday Harbor, Washington.

This introductory course offers basic boating information and instruction to recreational boaters on waterways navigation, safety equipment, boat handling, trailering, and federal and state requirements for boating.

The \$45.00 fee includes course materials and lunch. Each additional family member is \$25.00. Class size is limited. For class registration and enrollment, contact Susan Eberhard at (360) 378-3608 or email [eberhard@rockisland.com](mailto:eberhard@rockisland.com).

Graduates of the America's Boating Course will meet the boating educational requirements for the mandatory Washington State Boater's Education Card. Many insurance companies offer discounts to graduates of the boating education course.

New legislation requiring boat operators to take a boater safety education course in order to operate a boat in Washington State was signed into law by Washington Governor Christine Gregoire on May 11, 2005. This law will have a phased-in period for compliance. In the first stage, by January 1, 2008, boaters 20 years of age and younger will be required to obtain their Boater Education Card.

For more information on Coast Guard Auxiliary visit [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) or [www.bliaux.com](http://www.bliaux.com). Your local Coast Guard Auxiliary will help you navigate your way to a safe boating experience.

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