

# Boater education helps keep safety in mind

Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1989 must complete an approved boater safety education course in order to operate a motorboat or sailboat on public waters in Kansas.

This requirement does not apply to a person accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person over 17 years of age who either possesses a certificate of completion of an approved boater safety education course, or is legally exempt from the requirement. Boating safety courses that are approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the United States Coast Guard shall meet these educational requirements. Out of state boaters who boat on Kansas water must comply with the education requirements. All states provide a NASBLA approved course that will also be acceptable in Kansas.

Boating education in Kansas is dedicated to assist all individuals in developing awareness, skills, and commitment to safe, responsible behavior and constructive ac-

tions concerning the use of Kansas' aquatic resources. Courses are organized and conducted by volunteer instructors in many communities across the state. To maintain U.S. Coast Guard recognition the states course must be a minimum of eight hours in length. The course covers navigation, trailer usage, equipment requirements, personal watercraft, safety tips, drug and alcohol impairment, self-rescue and marine theft.

Take a boating safety course offered by KDWP, US Power Squadrons, or US Coast Guard Auxiliary by signing up for a class or through the home-study course.

A free home study course is also available by calling (620) 672-5911 ext. 170. For a \$15 fee, an internet course is available at [www.boat-ed.com/ks](http://www.boat-ed.com/ks). Passing one of these boating safety classes may also make you eligible for a discount on your boat or PWC insurance with most insurance providers.

Just send a copy of your boating safety certificate to your insurance agent and start receiving the savings.



On May 17, Larry Land, Norton, reeled in his 1 pound, 2 ounce, 14 inch drum.


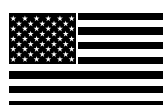
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