

# BOATING SAFETY ACTIVITIES

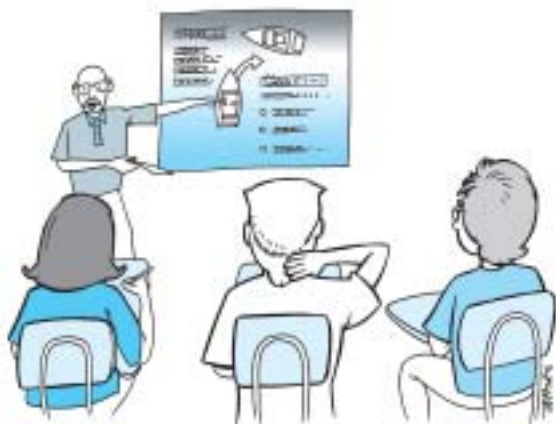
## EDUCATION AND FUN WITH A PURPOSE

### BOAT SMART—Education is the key.

#### Activity:

This activity involves a group of participants gathered together for a boating quiz. The instructor uses a written quiz and, if possible, a Powerpoint™ or overhead presentation with a multiple-choice quiz. The quiz may emphasize state specific regulations, rules of the road, required equipment, safety procedures and nomenclature.

In phase one, participants complete a written “pretest” answering what they know. Multiple choice is preferred so if an incorrect answer is chosen there’s a stronger, more literal association why it is incorrect when the correct answer is pointed out.



Phase two is a duplicate quiz in Powerpoint™ or an overhead presentation. This is conducted after phase one. An option with this second quiz is to use the pretest question as a starting point for a more detailed question within the same topic. For example, a pretest question might be, “When overtaking (passing) another boat, which boat is the give-way vessel and which is the stand-on vessel?” This follow-up second quiz would contain the answer with a question such as “What are the boat operator’s responsibilities as the give-way vessel?” This two-step process gives the participant a chance to see what they know and the opportunity to know more. The pretest in phase one should be geared

towards the anticipated skill level of the group whether it’s beginner, intermediate or advanced.

#### Purpose:

Quiz participants on their boating knowledge, applaud what they know and point out what they don’t know. Use this as an opportunity to point out there’s a lot to know about boating safety education—mandatory or not it’s a necessity of safe boating because everyone should **“BOAT SMART.”**

**Additional purpose:** To show that what you may already know about safe boating makes it easier to learn more. This is meant to be an introduction to boating education as an eventual lead to taking a NASBLA-approved course. The following is a list of some of the online courses:

### ONLINE BOATING COURSES

[www.boatus.com/onlinecourses/](http://www.boatus.com/onlinecourses/)  
[www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com)  
[www.boatsafe.com](http://www.boatsafe.com)  
[www.boater101.com](http://www.boater101.com)

A certificate ready to issue to the participants is available at the Campaign’s website at: [www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com](http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com). Even though it appears as a full-color certificate, it can be produced on a black and white laser printer with paper of your choice. It’s a pdf file with text fields the instructor can fill in. Remind the participants that this is no substitute for any state-issued boating education certificate, but is an acknowledgement of their completion of this primer.



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**BOAT SAFE**  
**WEAR IT!**

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