



## Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron



**“America’s Boating Course”**  
**Course 1: July 9, 16, 17, 2022**  
**Course 2: Aug 6, 13, 14, 2022**

**Presented by Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron**  
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America’s Boating Course, or ABC-3, is the 8-hour introduction to boating for starting or continuing one’s recreational boating education. Virginia law requires all motorized watercraft operators pass a boater safety course and carry a boater education card. The course has a proctored final exam and provides a state and nationally recognized safe boating certificate, approved by NASBLA. The Washington Sailing Marina near Ronald Reagan National Airport has plenty of outdoor seating for the exam and offers a great opportunity to look at different types of boats to apply newly acquired knowledge.

Topics include:

- Types of boats and their uses
- Boating laws, both federal and state, Knots and Lines
- Safety equipment, both required and recommended
- Buoys and Aids to Navigation, Communications
- Rules of the Road, Lights and Sound Signals, Anchoring
- Charts and Electronic Navigation, Anchoring
- Proper Maritime Communications Procedures
- Trailing, Handling Emergencies, Water Sports Safety

ONLINE via Zoom, Free includes textbook with In-Person Exam  
July 9, 16                    9 am to 1 pm  
July 17                        9 am to 10 am Exam date in person  
(there is flexibility in choosing alternate exam date, if necessary)  
Registration Deadline: July 5.

ONLINE via Zoom, Free includes textbook with In-Person Exam  
August 6, 13                9 am to 1 pm  
August 14                    9 am to 10 am Exam date in person  
(there is flexibility in choosing alternate exam date, if necessary)  
Registration Deadline: August 2.

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