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News Release

Special boating class for women only January 14

On Saturday, January 14, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will provide a special one-day boating course for women only. This is an ideal class for any women that fish or have a family boat and want to be well educated in boat operations.

The course satisfies all state requirements. Any person born on or after January 1, 1988, must complete an approved boating safety course before operating a vessel with a motor of 10 hp or greater on North Carolina waters. Even if not required by law to get the North Carolina boating license, many boaters take the boat safety course to save on their PWC or boat insurance.

Individuals who successfully complete the USCG Auxiliary “About Boating Safely” (ABS) course and exam are awarded U.S. Coast Guard certificates and cards.

Taught by certified USCG Auxiliary instructors, the USCG ABS course applies to all recreational watercraft (powerboats, PWCs, sailboats and boats which are paddled).

The course covers general information about boats and maintenance, preparing for safe and enjoyable outings, navigation rules and aids to navigation, guidelines for operating your boat or PWC safely, what to do in case of boating emergencies, and state-specific laws and regulations you must follow.

Course is taught at the Oak Island Parks & Recreation Center, 3003 East Oak Island Drive, Oak Island from 8:00am to 4:00pm Saturday, January 14. Course fee is \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 for two by cash or check at the door, or PayPal on flotilla’s website.

To register, contact Dawn Smith at BoatingSafely@ec.rr.com, or go to www.Flotilla10-05.org and click on Boating Courses > About Boating Safely.

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