

Stark County Power Squadron

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AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE (Third Edition)



The 2 week course will be held on
Saturdays

March 24th & 31st, 2018

12:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Atwood Yacht Club

2637 Lodge Rd SW — Sherrodsville, OH 44675

Classes are **FREE—NO charge!**
Instruction manual is **FREE**
(1 free manual per family)

A great course whether you are new to boating or
an experienced boater in need of a refresher course.

**No pre-registration required,
just show up!**



For more information

330.499.3660 or
www.starkcountyps.org

**A great way to have a fun boating experience
is to "know before you go".**

The course is designed for
skippers and crew of all types of
watercraft. This unique boat and
water safety course topics
include:

- ★ Introduction to all types of boating
- ★ Understanding state and federal boating laws
- ★ Learn about all types of boat safety equipment and how to make your boating experience safer and more comfortable
- ★ Tips on navigation rules and aids
- ★ Trailering, storing and protecting your vessel
- ★ And more!

**United States
Power Squadrons**

**Come for boating education,
stay for the friends!**



Ohio Operating Laws – Boating Education Requirement

1547.05 Completing boating course as prerequisite to licensing; exception.

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person born on or after January 1, 1982, shall operate on the waters in this state a powercraft powered by more than ten horsepower, unless the operator successfully has completed either a safe boater course approved by the national association of state boating law administrators or a proctored or nonproctored proficiency examination that tests knowledge of information included in the curriculum of such a course, and has received a certificate as evidence of successful completion of the course or examination.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to an individual who possesses valid merchant mariner credentials issued by the United States coast guard in accordance with [46 C.F.R. 10.109](#) with at least one endorsement of master or operator as defined in [46 C.F.R. 10.107](#). Such an individual, while operating any recreational vessel on the waters in this state, shall carry onboard documentation of the merchant mariner credentials and required endorsements and shall present the documentation to a natural resources officer or law enforcement officer upon request.

(C) No person shall permit a powercraft to be operated on the waters in this state in violation of division (A) of this section.

Amended by 131st General Assembly File No. TBD, SB 293, §1, eff. 9/14/2016.

Amended by 130th General Assembly File No. 26, HB 29, §1, eff. 7/10/2013.

Effective Date: 01-01-2000; 04-06-2007

1547.06 Child operators.

(A) Except as otherwise provided in this division, no person under sixteen years of age shall operate a personal watercraft on the waters in this state. A person who is not less than twelve, nor more than fifteen years of age may operate a personal watercraft if a supervising person eighteen years of age or older is aboard the personal watercraft and, in the case of a supervising person born on or after January 1, 1982, if the supervising person holds a certificate obtained under section [1547.05](#) of the Revised Code or, in the case of a rented powercraft, meets the requirements of section [1547.052](#) of the Revised Code.

(B) No person under twelve years of age shall operate any vessel on the waters in this state unless the person is under the direct visual and audible supervision, during the operation, of a person who is eighteen years of age or older. This division does not apply to a personal watercraft, which shall be governed by division (A) of this section, or to a powercraft, other than a personal watercraft, powered by more than ten horsepower, which shall be governed by division (C) of this section.

(C) No person under twelve years of age shall operate on the waters in this state a powercraft, other than a personal watercraft, powered by more than ten horsepower unless the person is under the direct visual and audible supervision, during the operation, of a person eighteen years of age or older who is aboard the powercraft and, in the case of such a supervising person born on or after January 1, 1982, who holds a certificate obtained under section [1547.05](#) of the Revised Code or, in the case of a rented powercraft, meets the requirements of section [1547.052](#) of the Revised Code.

(D) No supervising person eighteen years of age or older shall permit any person who is under the supervising person's supervision and who is operating a vessel on the waters in this state to violate any section of this chapter or a rule.

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