



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Boating Skills & Seamanship
Saturday & Sunday, October 9 & 10, 2021
0900 – 1700 hrs.
Channel Islands Harbor

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's *Boating Skills and Seamanship* (BS&S) course is *the* boater certificate course designed for both the experienced and novice boater. The course consists of eight core required two-hour lessons. Successful course completion will entitle you to obtain a *California Boater Card*, which is currently required for all boaters 40 years of age or younger! Topics include:

- **Which Boat Is For You?**– Types of boats, hull design, uses of boats, materials for construction, types of engines, and buying a boat.
- **Equipment For Your Boat**– Requirements for your boat's equipment, legal considerations, boating accidents, and substance abuse.
- **Highway Signs**– Buoyage system, ATONS, light characteristics, chart symbols.
- **Rules of the Road**– Boating traffic, stand-on and give-way vessels, traffic separation, diver-down rules, anchoring, narrow channels, restricted visibility, small boat safety, and inland waters.
- **Your Boat's Radio**– Functions of radios, selecting you VHF radio, channels, radio procedure, and types of radio calls.

The course will be taught at the U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Center, which is directly across the street from U.S. Coast Guard Station Channel Islands (4201 So. Victoria Ave., Oxnard).

The cost of the course is \$35. Participants will be required to purchase one textbook (the other is included in the \$35 course fee). **Advance preparation for the course is required! All course enrollments are through e-mail to Steve Rosenberg, stevecgauxmember@aol.com. Upon enrollment, participants will receive additional information and instructions.**