

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

THE CIVILIAN COMPONENT OF THE U. S. COAST GUARD

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE OFFERED

Experienced boaters, fishermen and sailors, as well as those new to boating will make their on-water time safer and more fun while saving dollars through insurance discounts by completing this program. This course also satisfies the Wisconsin law requiring boaters born after January 1, 1989 to complete a boat safety certification program.

The Fond du Lac Coast Guard Auxiliary is again offering the popular adult "Boating Skills and Seamanship" course to the public. The program will be presented on seven consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM starting March 15, 2010 at the Fond du Lac Yacht Club, 705 Mohawk Avenue. Trained instructors, members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, will present the classes using official Coast Guard training aids. The classes cover such topics as Boat Handling, Boating Safety, Marine Equipment, Trailering, Navigational Aids and Legal Compliance. There is also an introduction to VHF radio usage, Marlinspike skills and GPS navigation. A \$35 fee is charged to cover the cost of books and materials.

A popular Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Safe Boating course for youth will follow starting on April 13th presented by the same Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors.

Program registration and additional information on these courses may be obtained online at <http://a0950401.uscgaux.info> or by calling (920) 921-0045.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a group of volunteers assisting the Coast Guard in carrying out its mission of promoting improved boating safety through public education and courtesy vessel safety examinations.