

BOATING SAFETY COURSES 2012  
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Three Wisconsin DNR-sanctioned boating safety courses will be offered this spring by the Lauderdale Lakes Water Patrol. The two-day class dates and locations are as follows:

**May 19-20** Lutherdale Bible Camp – max class size 40 – pre-register by May 12

**June 02-03** LLLMD Community Center – max class size 20 – pre-register by May 26

**June 09-10** LLLMD Community Center – max class size 20 – pre-register by June 02

The Lutherdale Bible Camp is located at N7891 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI 53121 and the LLLMD Community Center is located at N7511 Sterlingworth Drive, Elkhorn, WI 53121 (adjacent to LL Country Club near Hwy 12).

**Call this number to pre-register for the class to ensure there is an available seat as these classes fill up quickly 262-882-2030.** When pre-registering, in addition to the class date, please be prepared to leave the correct spelling of the student's name, date of birth, a contact name and telephone number.

**Each student must have a DNR Customer ID.** To obtain this ID call 888-936-7463, 7 days a week, 7 am – 10 pm. Bring this number with you the day of class as part of the final registration process. There is a \$10 course registration fee that will be collected during registration on the first day of the class.

The courses are open to adults and to children, 10 years and older. A parent must accompany their child to course registration which will take place between 8:30 – 9:00 am on the first day. The formal class will start at 9:00 am. The classes will run until 4:00 pm on the first day (Saturday) and until approximately 1:00 pm on the second day (Sunday). Although complimentary water and soda will be provided, students need to bring a sack lunch. When attending the class, wear comfortable clothing and bring paper and pencils. There will be a written test at the end of the course.

Successful completion of a DNR boating safety class is required for anyone between the ages of 12 and 15 who wishes to operate a personal watercraft (PWC, which includes jet-skis, wave-runners etc.), or wishes to operate a conventional powerboat without an adult onboard. Additionally, there is a **NEW LAW** which states that anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 (and at least 16 years of age) must have a boating safety certificate in order to operate a powerboat Wisconsin's waterways. So if you will be 23 this year (or are younger), you need a boating certificate to operate a PWC or a boat (without parental supervision).

Anyone interested in the availability of other courses may call 800-336-BOAT or visit the Wisconsin DNR website at [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us) for more information.