



LACKAWANNA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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March 10, 2008

Dear Sir,

The Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will offer *The Boat Smart Course* starting **May 19, 2008** at the Montville Public Library. It is desirable that students register before May 14.

THIS COURSE WILL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW JERSEY MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION LAW ENACTED JANUARY 9, 2006

Please place our dates in your calendar for the coming months.

Following are draft

Calendar Notice

Press Release – News article.

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FAQ - For the New Jersey mandatory boater education law

If there are any questions about this material, please call me at 973 402-2672

Sincerely,

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CALENDAR NOTICE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MORRIS COUNTY, NJ – The Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will teach the Boat Smart Course, an approved safe boating course, at the Montville Public Library.

Upon completion of the course, students receive a certificate required in New Jersey to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft. The cost of the course is \$65.00 per person, which includes course material.

The course will be offered for four consecutive nights starting on Monday, **May 19**. Classes run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It is desirable that students register before **May 14**.

For further information, call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail publiced@lackawanna.org. To register, visit www.lackawanna.org.

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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MORRIS COUNTY, NJ – Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will teach the *Boat Smart* course, a safe boating course approved by the State of New Jersey. The class meets for four consecutive nights starting on **May 19**, 2008 at the Montville Public Library. Classes run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Students take a proctored exam to receive the certificate required to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft in New Jersey.

The course is designed for all boaters, power and sail. As boating is often a family activity, all members in a family are encouraged to attend as a group.

Subjects include boat handling under normal, adverse and emergency conditions; types of boats and boating terminology; required and recommended equipment; boating regulations and navigation rules; lines and knots; aids to navigation; marine radiotelephone usage; trailer boating; personal water craft, and more. The student manual will serve as a reference book in basic boating long after the course work is completed.

The enthusiastic and experienced instructors are members of the Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (www.lackawanna.org), a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (www.usps.org) in which boating education is a traditional civic service. Since 1914 local squadrons such as Lackawanna have presented courses to anyone who wished to attend – to date more than 3 million people nationwide.

The cost of the course is \$65.00 per person, which includes course material. For further information, call 973 402-2672 or e-mail publiced@lackawanna.org. For further information, call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail publiced@lackawanna.org. To register, visit www.lackawanna.org. It is desirable that students register before **May 14**.

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FACTS ABOUT THE LACKAWANNA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (LSPS) is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS).

The mission of LSPS is to promote safe boating.

LSPS teaches safe-boating courses to the public. In the *Boat Smart* course, students receive the certificate required to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft in New Jersey.

The next public courses are:

How to Use a Chart—April 16 in Chester, NJ.

Using GPS—April 23 in Chester, NJ.

Onboard Weather Forecasting—April 30 in Morris Township, NJ.

Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio—May 7 in Morris Township, NJ.

Boat Smart—Four consecutive nights starting May 19 in Montville, NJ.

LSPS teaches advanced boating courses to its members. The courses include *Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting*, and *celestial Navigation*, as well as *Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Weather, Sail and Cruise Planning*.

LSPS surveys the conditions of aids to navigation for the National Ocean Service.

There are over 150 members of LSPS. The members reside chiefly in Morris, Union and Essex Counties. This year the officers are Art Epstein (Jersey City), Ray Nylander (North Caldwell), Rich Pfaff (Montville), Dick Aiken (Convent Station), Maureen Medure (Morristown) and Mike DiStefano (Oak Ridge).

About half of LSPS members own boats. The boats are located in New Jersey (from Toms River up to Liberty Landing), New York and Connecticut. Approximately half of LSPS members are sailors, and half are power boaters.

Every year LSPS has two membership meetings, a festive officers' installation, and a holiday party. LSPS has its monthly Executive Committee meetings at the Madison Community House.

LSPS members have raft-ups of boats in Raritan Bay and in Barnegat Bay. LSPS members cruise together, often going through the East River to Long Island Sound and then beyond.

LSPS members obtain boat insurance at discounted rates, with discounts that increase as additional courses are completed.

Visit www.lackawanna.org for more information about LSPS and www.usps.org for information about USPS.

FAQ - FOR THE NEW JERSEY MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION LAW

Question:

When do I have to complete a boating safety course?

Answer:

C.12:7-61.1 Schedule for completion of mandatory boat safety course. Before operating a power vessel, including a personal watercraft, on the waterways of the State of New Jersey, the mandatory boat safety course required by section 2 of P.L.1987, c.453 (C.12:7-61) shall be successfully completed as follows:

Persons born after December 31, 1948 and on or before December 31, 1958 **must complete the course before June 1, 2008**

All other persons **must complete the course before June 1, 2009.**

Question:

I plan to operate a jet ski. Do I need to take a course?

Answer:

All persons operating a jet ski (personal watercraft) must have taken a course and have a NJ Marine Police certificate. Persons under 16 years of age may not operate a Jet Ski.

Question:

I heard that an "experienced boater" may not have to take a course but merely pass an exam is this true?

Answer:

An "experienced boater" has not yet been defined by the NJ State Marine Police. Such persons in the future may be able to try to pass an exam, but the exam has not yet been developed by the Marine Police. Such persons will have one chance to pass, and if they fail, will have to take a course.