



LACKAWANNA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON  
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Dear Sirs,

The Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will offer *The BoatSmart Course* starting May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Honeywell Corp. in Morris Township; registration closes May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Notices.  
Press Release – News article.  
FAQ – New Law  
Facts about the Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron.  
Information about the United States Power Squadrons.

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

Sincerely,

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## IN BRIEF CALENDAR NOTICES – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**MORRISTOWN, NJ** – Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will teach *The BoatSmart Course*, an approved safe boating course, for four consecutive nights, starting on Monday, May 22, 2006 at a corporate headquarters in Morristown. Classes run from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Students receive a certificate required in New Jersey to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft (PWC). **This course will satisfy the New Jersey mandatory boater education law enacted January 9, 2006.** The cost of the course is \$65.00 per person, which includes course material. For further information, call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail [webmaster@lackawanna.org](mailto:webmaster@lackawanna.org). Registration closes for this course on **May 7<sup>th</sup>**; no applications will be accepted past that time.

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## **PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will teach *The BoatSmart Course*, a safe boating course approved by the State of New Jersey. The class meets for four consecutive nights starting on Monday, May 22, 2006 at a corporate headquarters in Morristown. Classes run from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

Students receive a certificate required in New Jersey to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft (PWC). **This course will satisfy the New Jersey mandatory boater education law enacted January 9, 2006.**

The courses are 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 conditions; adverse conditions and emergencies; types of boats and boating terminology; required and recommended equipment; boating regulations and navigation rules; lines and knots; aids to navigation; mariners compass; charts and determining position; marine radiotelephone usage; trailer boating; personal water craft. The student manual will serve as a reference book in basic boating long after the course work is completed.

The course meets the standards of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and features a proctored examination as required by the State of New Jersey and many insurance companies.

The enthusiastic and experienced instructors are members of the Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron ([www.lackawanna.org](http://www.lackawanna.org)), a unit of the United States Power Squadrons ([www.usps.org](http://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 costs of the courses are \$65.00 per person, which included course material. For further information, call 973 402-2672 or e-mail [webmaster@lackawanna.org](mailto:webmaster@lackawanna.org). Registration closes for this course on **May 7<sup>th</sup>**; no applications will be accepted past that time.

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## **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, 1978 **must have completed the mandatory boat safety course before operating a vessel.**

Persons born after December 31, 1968 and on or before December 31, 1978 **must complete the course before June 1, 2006.**

Persons born after December 31, 1958 and on or before December 31, 1968 **must complete the course before June 1, 2007.**

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.

# **FACTS ABOUT THE LACKAWANNA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

[www.lackawanna.org](http://www.lackawanna.org)

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 courses on boating safety to the public, at a corporate headquarters in Morristown. Students receive the certificate required to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft in New Jersey.

The next courses are:

*The Squadron Boating Course* - For seven Wednesday nights in Morristown, NJ.

*GPS for Boaters* – Two Wednesday nights in Morristown, NJ.

Call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail [webmaster@lackawanna.org](mailto:webmaster@lackawanna.org).

LSPS teaches advanced boating courses to its members.

LSPS surveys the conditions of aids to navigation for the National Ocean Service and of geodetic markers for the National Geodetic Survey.

There are over 150 members of LSPS. The members of LSPS reside in Morris, Union and Essex Counties.

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.

LSPS has two membership meetings per year, often at the New Vernon Fire House, and has one festive officers' installation per year, 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](http://www.lackawanna.org) for more information about LSPS and [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) for information about USPS.

# INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

## **Q. What is United States Power Squadrons (USPS)?**

**A.** Organized in 1914, USPS (<http://www.usps.org>) is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 60,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is the world's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.

## **Q. What are the activities of USPS?**

**A.** Each squadron's activities involve the three primary objectives of USPS: community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of fellow members.

## **Q. What community and civic services does USPS perform?**

**A.** Local squadrons offer boating safety courses on a regular basis to boaters in our communities. These courses are open to the public and there is no age limit for participants. USPS squadrons have offered these courses for over half a century and have educated more than 3 million boaters to date. Successful completing a USPS boating safety course meets the educational requirements for boat operation in all states and is a requirement for squadron membership. Our members also help the National Ocean Service keep our nautical charts accurate by reporting chart corrections, and our local squadrons participate in many other community improvement projects.

## **Q. How do you enroll in a USPS boating course?**

**A.** Every USPS squadron teaches at least one or two such courses every year. Some squadrons teach many more. The courses usually begin in September or October, then again in January or February. Some squadrons offer courses during the summer. The courses are publicized in local newspapers, on posters, at marinas, and at various other locations. The easiest way to determine when the next course will be offered in your area is check our [online schedule](#) or call toll-free 1-888-FOR-USPS (1-888-367-8777).

## **Q. What about the person who cannot take an evening Boating Course?**

**A.** USPS has an 80-minute video Boating Course which can be taken at your own leisure. For information see our [online information](#) or call 1-888-FOR USPS (1-888-367-8777). Call today. Safe Boating is more fun.

## **Q. What educational [courses](#) are available to USPS members?**

**A.** Every squadron offers many carefully planned courses in subjects like Seamanship, Piloting, Plotting and Position Finding, Celestial Navigation, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sailing, and much more. Experienced member instructors teach these courses, and members who complete them are recognized.

## **Q. What social activities do members enjoy?**

**A.** Participating both on-the-water and off with fellow members who are skilled in boating is a rewarding and enjoyable experience. On-the-water activities include cruises, rendezvous, sail races, navigation contests and even fishing derbies. Activities ashore include meetings with marine programs, parties, dinner-dances, picnics and field trips.

## **Q. Can sailors become members?**

**A.** Of course. More than 40% of our members are sailors. The term "Power Squadrons" in our name dates to our founding in 1914 by the powerboat division of the Boston Yacht

Club. Following the First World War, our ranks broadened to include all types of boats, and sailors have been a major part of USPS ever since.

**Q. Is USPS a part of or supported by the U.S. Government?**

**A.** No. While we have many joint programs with the United States Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Ocean Services division of NOAA, USPS is a private, totally self-supporting organization. **Q. How does one become a member of USPS?**

**A.** Active membership in USPS is open to those 16 years and over who have passed the USPS *Boating Course* or *Boat Smart* examination (or [equivalent](#)), and who are able and willing to contribute time, energy, and skills to the objectives of USPS. Check our online [membership information](#) or call toll free 1-888-FOR-USPS (1-888-367-8777).

**Q. What if you're already a member of the Canadian Power Squadron or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary?**

**A.** If you already belong to either of these organizations you do not have to pass a USPS course to become a member because you have already completed a qualifying course.

**Q. What's in it for you?**

1. **A great variety of [courses](#) to choose from:** As a USPS member, you and your family can enroll in a great variety of advanced grades and elective courses that are only available to USPS members. These courses include Seamanship, Piloting, Celestial Navigation, Weather, Sail, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics and Cruise Planning. In addition, USPS offers more than two dozen self study courses on such subjects as the Water Sports, Boat Insurance, Oceanography, Introduction to Sailing, Preparation for Coast Guard Licensing, and much more.
2. **Meeting with other boaters in your area:** As a member of a local squadron (and there are approximately 450 squadrons throughout the USA, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands) you will join with other knowledgeable boaters in your area who are familiar with the local waters, the best anchorages, and marinas and boat repair shops.
3. **Participation in a variety of on water activities:** As a USPS member you're automatically invited to join in the squadron and district cruises, rendezvous, predicted log contests, raft-ups and other on-water activities.
4. **Savings on [Boat Insurance](#):** There are many marine insurance companies that provide discounts to those who complete advanced boating courses. This savings can be significant.
5. **USPS Networking with other members throughout the USA, Canada and even more distant areas:** Thinking of boating in a river, lake or ocean far from your home? USPS has a Port Captain program that will provide names and telephone numbers of local USPS members who know the territory.
6. **Receive the official USPS magazine [THE ENSIGN](#).**