

The Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (LSPS) will offer the *America's Boating Course* starting **May 24, 2010** at the Montville Township Public Library; **registration closes May 19**. This course satisfies the requirements for the New Jersey mandatory boater education law enacted January 9, 2006. LSPS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 educational organization.

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CALENDAR NOTICE

LACKAWANNA SQUADRON OFFERS BOATING COURSE

MORRIS COUNTY, NJ – Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will teach *America's Boating Course*, an approved safe boating course, on four consecutive nights, starting on **Monday, May 24, 2010** at the Montville Township Public Library. Classes run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Students receive the certificate required in New Jersey to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft (PWC). The cost of the course is \$70.00 per person, which includes course material. To register, visit www.lackawanna.org. Registration closes on **May 19**; no applications will be accepted past that date. For further information, call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail publiced@lackawanna.org.

PRESS RELEASE

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Students receive the certificate required to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft (PWC) 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 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; 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), a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (www.usps.org) in which boating education is a traditional public 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 \$70.00 per person, which includes course material. For further information, call 973 402-2672 or e-mail publiced@lackawanna.org. To register, visit www.lackawanna.org. Registration closes on **May 19**; no applications will be accepted past that date.

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FACTS ABOUT THE LACKAWANNA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON **www.lackawanna.org**

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

USPS and LSPS are tax-exempt 501(c)3 educational organizations.

The mission of LSPS is to promote safe boating.

LSPS teaches courses on boating safety to the public at the Montville Township Public Library. In the *America's Boating Course*, students receive the certificate required to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft in New Jersey.

For information about public courses, call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail publiced@lackawanna.org.

LSPS teaches advanced boating courses to its members. Topics include seamanship, coastal navigation & marine GPS, celestial navigation, marine electronics, engine maintenance, sail, weather, and cruise planning.

There are over 150 members of LSPS. The members of LSPS reside chiefly in Morris, Union and Essex Counties. This year the officers are Ray Nylander (North Caldwell), Rich Pfaff (Montville), Steve Cohen (Summit), 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 - THE NEW JERSEY MANDATORY BOATER EDUCATION LAW

Question:

When do I have to complete a boating safety course and receive a boat safety certificate?

Answer:

If you are operating a personal watercraft (Jet Ski, Wave Runner, etc.) on the waters of the State of New Jersey you are required to possess a New Jersey boat safety certificate.

On and after June 1, 2008, all power vessel operators born in 1949 and later have been required to possess a certificate. On and after June 1, 2009, all power vessel operators, regardless of date of birth, will be required to possess a boat safety certificate.

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:

This program finished on May 31, 2008.

For further information see the New Jersey State Police website

<http://www.njsp.org/maritime/faq.html>