Did you know...

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 is required by N.C. law to complete a boater safety education course in order to operate a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater on public waters?

For more information or to sign up for a boating safety course, visit NCWILDLIFE.ORG/BOATERED or call 919-707-0030.
How do I enroll in a course?

The Commission offers free classes across the state. To find a class near you, visit ncwildlife.org/boatered or call 919-707-0030. Courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron and online providers, such as BoatEd.com, BoaterExam.com and BoatCourse.com, may include a fee.

Does the law apply to personal watercraft?

Yes. Anyone 14 years of age or older can operate a personal watercraft if they have successfully completed an approved boating safety education course, or are riding with a person who is at least 18 years old that is in compliance with the Boating Education Requirement Law.

For more information on general boating laws and regulations, visit ncwildlife.org/boatingregs