



Carry the Card

How to get your California Boater Card

- Take and pass an approved boating safety course
- Apply for the California Boater Card
- Carry your card while boating



When will boaters need to carry a Boater Card?

In 2018, the California Boater Card program will be phased-in by age for operators of motorized boats, including sailboats and paddlecraft on state waterways. California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways will issue the lifetime cards to those who show proof of passing an approved boater safety exam. A lifetime card will cost \$10, with a replacement fee of \$5.

The California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 678.11(b) contains the following phase-in schedule based on operator age:

January 1, 2018	Persons 20 years of age or younger
January 1, 2019	Persons 25 years of age or younger
January 1, 2020	Persons 35 years of age or younger
January 1, 2021	Persons 40 years of age or younger
January 1, 2022	Persons 45 years of age or younger
January 1, 2023	Persons 50 years of age or younger
January 1, 2024	Persons 60 years of age or younger
January 1, 2025	All persons regardless of age

Where can boaters take an exam?

Boaters will be able to choose to take an approved boating safety course online, in the classroom, or through home study. For courses and exemptions, please visit www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com.

Are you pre-qualified for a Boater Card?

DBW will accept proof of passing an approved boater education course taken between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2017. Persons who have passed an approved examination during this timeframe will have until December 31, 2018 to apply and pay for a Boater Card.

For more information visit:
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