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Mandatory Boating Safety Education Class Offered in Lewis County

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a free Boating Safety Education class on Saturday, June 4th.

Mandatory Boating Safety Education became a reality for Washington boaters eight years ago. Anyone born after January 1st, 1955, is now required to possess a valid Boating Safety Card when operating a vessel with a 15 horsepower engine or greater. The class is limited to the first 25 people to register. There is no fee for the class; however, Washington State charges \$10.00 to obtain your boating card after passing the test offered at the end of the class.

The class will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Training Room, located on the first floor of the Law and Justice Center, 345 West Main Street in Chehalis. Lunch is not provided; however, there will be a lunch break during the class.

People born before January 1, 1955, are exempt from obtaining a Boating Education Card.

To register for the class, call Lisa Arthur at (360) 740-2713. The class will be cancelled if there are less than five people signed up the week prior to the class.

While it is recommended boaters attend the formal class, vessel operators do have the option to take the Safety Education Class online, for a fee. The online class can be accessed at <http://www.boat-ed.com/washington/index.html>. Additional information on the program can be accessed on the Washington State Parks website.

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