



## Improve Your Boating Skills

Take

## America's Boating Course

- **Special Colorado Focus**
- **Live Instruction**
- **Safe Classroom via Zoom**
- **Boating Safety Card**
- **Certificate of Completion**

### An Educated Boater Is A Better Boater

Better boaters feel more confident on the water, at the helm, and in the company of other boaters. They're boaters who boat more, boat more safely, and have more fun.

### America's Boating Course, Third Edition, (ABC3)

Is designed to strengthen your basic boating skills. It is:

- **Approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)**
- **Recognized by the United States Coast Guard**

It covers:

- **Information on boats and personal watercraft (PWCs)**
- **How to make your boating safer and more enjoyable**
- **Laws and regulations that you must follow**



### You Receive

- Comprehensive full-color electronic course manual, 287 pages
- Boating license test
- Graduation Certificate
- Wallet Card

### ABC3 Topics

#### Session 1

Getting Started - nautical terms, boats  
Required Safety Equipment-life jackets  
Going Boating - fueling, casting off, etc.

#### Session 2

Navigation Rules  
Navigation Aids  
Light and Sound Signals  
Government Regulations  
State and Local Regulations

#### Session 3

Finding Your Way - charts, electronic nav  
Anchoring  
Adverse Conditions & Emergencies  
Communications Afloat

#### Session 4

Water Sports Safety - water skiing, paddle  
Trailing  
PWC Operation  
Knots and Lines



### Class Format

This version of **ABC3** is taught as a classroom experience with a live instructor. Because of the COVID-19 situation, it uses the Zoom platform for remote learning. America's Boating Club (ABC) has received approval for the "Emergency Virtual Classroom" format for the course from NASBLA.

Colorado regulations (<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/BoatingSafetyCourses.aspx>) state that "Individuals who are 14 and 15 and have successfully completed a state approved boating safely course can operate a motorized vessel in Colorado," but there are no course events scheduled.

According to the NASBLA representative for Colorado, the ABC3 course taught according to the Emergency Virtual Classroom standards meets Colorado approval. Parents or guardians are encouraged to participate during class sessions if they are interested in learning more about boating.

**Live Instructors**

### Class Details

The class meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM. The next course is scheduled to start Tuesday, January 19, 2021. It runs for four sessions of presentations plus the exam, finishing on February 16, 2021.

The classes use the Zoom teaching platform, so you will need access to a computer or mobile device that includes an internet connection and speakers or headphones, microphone, and webcam.

The cost is \$40 per person. This covers course materials and Zoom costs. The ABC-Certified Instructors are volunteer members of America's Boating Club – Colorado (ABC-CO). We are making arrangements for payment via Zelle or mailed check.

For questions or more information about our local course, e-mail [education@abc-co.org](mailto:education@abc-co.org) or call 303-589-8736.

### Register Now!

Go on line and sign up at <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?C-18341>

The Education Officer of ABC-CO will then provide details to you on paying for and downloading the course manual and other course material.



### Go Further

**ABC3** is an entry point to a wide variety of boating courses developed by America's Boating Club and presented by its local affiliate, America's Boating Club – Colorado. These include:

**BOATING COURSE**  
America's Boating Course, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

**ADVANCED COURSES**  
Boat Handling  
Piloting w/*Weekend Navigator*  
Advanced Piloting w/*Weekend Navigator*  
Junior Navigation  
Navigation

**ELECTIVE COURSES**  
Cruising and Cruise Planning  
Engine Maintenance  
Instructor Development  
Marine Electrical Systems  
Marine Communications Systems  
Electronic Navigation  
Radar for Boaters  
Sail  
Weather

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