

LCB File No. R022-03

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD
OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

(This proposed regulation was previously adopted as LCB File No. T011-02)

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 309

Explanation: This proposed regulation provides the specific details and requirements of fees for implementing the mandatory the boating education requirement outlined in NRS 488.730-488.740.

Note: Matter in *italics* is new; matter within brackets **[]** is to be omitted.

1. A Boater Education Card” means the boating safety certificate required by NRS 488.730. This document certifies that the person named on the card has established proof of competency and is authorized to operate a boat on Nevada interstate waters.

2. “Boating Safety Course” means a course of instruction that is offered by an approved course provider and approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators.

3. A Boat Nevada Correspondence Course and Self Test means a boating safety course and examination provided by the Division that is taken at home without a proctor.

4. “Challenge Test” means the Boat Nevada test administered by a proctor to an individual who has not completed an approved Boating Safety Course.

5. “Proctor” means an individual who is a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, American Red Cross, the Division or other approved individual or organization that is authorized to provide courses or proctor Challenge Tests.

Where To Get Materials, Classes

1. Any person may obtain The Boat Nevada Correspondence Course and Self Test by:

(a) Requesting the material in person at any of the Division regional offices or;

(b) Mailing a request in writing to the Division Headquarters at 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512 or;

(c) Visiting the Boat Nevada Course web site at Boatnevada.org.

2. 1. Individuals may request information on available boating safety courses by:

- (a) Requesting the information in person or by telephone from any of the Division regional offices or;*
- (b) Mailing a request to the Division Headquarters at 1100 Valley Road, Reno Nevada 89512 or;*
- (c) Visiting the Boat Nevada web site at Boatnevada.org and selecting the “List of Boating Courses.”*

Meeting The Education Requirement, Boater Education Cards

1. Any person may satisfy the mandatory education requirement by completing one of the following:

- (a) The Boat Nevada Correspondence Course and Self Test with a score of 80% or better.*
- (b) Completing the Boat Nevada Correspondence Course and Self Test online with a score of 80% or better.*
- (c) Completing a boating safety course from an approved provider such as, but not limited to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron or similarly boating safety course approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators.*
- (d) Achieving U.S. Coast Guard certification as Crewman or Coxswain or similar classification within other branches of the armed forces.*
- (e) Achieving a score of at least 80% on a proctored equivalency exam. Individuals may take the equivalency exam no more than once within any 30-day period.*
- (f) Completion of a course in boating safety offered by another state or Canada that is approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators.*

2. To receive a Boater Education Card a person must present to the Division by mail or in person at any Regional Office including Fallon, Elko, Las Vegas or Division Headquarters in Reno, one of the following:

- (a) A completed Boat Nevada Self Test with a passing score of 80% or better; or*
- (b) A certificate of completion issued by the U.S. Power Squadrons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Division or course approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators or;*
- (c) A certificate, card, or other official document issued by a proctor stating that the individual passed the equivalency exam with a score of 80% or better or;*

- (d) A United States Coast Guard operator's license either valid or expired or;*
- (e) A letter from a Coast Guard Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge stating that the individual has achieved certification as a Coast Guard Crewman or Coxswain or similar classification within other branches of the armed forces or;*
- (g) Copy of a certificate, card, or other official document issued by another state or Canada that is equivalent to Nevada Boater Education Card or;*
- (f) In the event the original document establishing proof of competency is not available, a signed statement from an approved-course provider of a boating safety course stating that the individual has successfully completed a boating safety course or equivalency exam will be accepted.*

Individuals, Organizations That Wish to Provide Instruction

- 1. An individual or organization which teaches their own approved boating safety course including, but not limited to, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron and American Power Boating Association are considered approved course providers and are not required to obtain authorization from the Division to deliver the boating safety course.*
- 2. An individual or private organization that would like to teach the Nevada State Boating Safety course, approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators, must apply with the Division to become approved course provider. Each applicant to be an instructor must:
 - (a) Obtain or submit a copy of his Nevada boater education card; and*
 - (b) Submit a course outline to be approved by the Division or agree to use the outline provided by the Division**
- 3. A public safety organization or government agency that would like to teach a safety course approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators must apply with the Division to become approved course provider. A public safety organization or government agency may be given approval to approve its own instructors, but must meet with the Division to discuss course outline and materials.*