

## Did you know that FREE Vessel Safety Checks are offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary?

Make sure your boat has the safety equipment to meet required Federal, State and Local regulations. Call today for a complimentary Vessel Safety Check. Your boat will be inspected by a certified Vessel Examiner. Any missing equipment that is required or recommended changes will be pointed out. You can use this opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your boat or boating in the local area. When your boat passes the safety check, you will receive a decal that can be displayed on the side of the boat.

To schedule your FREE Vessel Safety Check, please call:

Vessel Exams  
[Jmoyer1528@aol.com](mailto:Jmoyer1528@aol.com)

or

Coast Guard Auxiliary Station – Flotilla 95  
(239) 394-5911

## Speakers Bureau

Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel from Flotilla 95 are available to present information to other organizations about the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla 95, including its history, missions, and an overview of the safe boating programs that are offered to the public.

## Useful Information for Boaters

Please check out our web site at:  
[www.USCGAuxMarco.org](http://www.USCGAuxMarco.org)  
for information on:

- 1) Weather Resources
- 2) Hurricane Readiness for your boat
- 3) How to Join the Auxiliary
- 4) Light List
- 5) Local Notice to Mariners
- 6) Additional information on all our boating programs

Flotilla 95 has been offering safe boating programs on Marco Island for over forty years. The mission of the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety program is to minimize loss of life, personal injury, property damage and negative environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats through preventive means.

Flotilla 95's educational programs for 2018 will achieve their mission by making relevant programs available to the boating public.

If you would like to attend one of these classes, please contact Joe Riccio, Public Education Coordinator, via one of the methods listed on the front of this brochure. Please provide the name and date of the class you would like to attend. You will be contacted and course registration information will be sent to you.

To sign up for a program or to receive additional information on costs for any of our programs, please contact

Joe Riccio  
(239)-384-7416

[CGAUXCOURSES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CGAUXCOURSES@GMAIL.COM)

## Program Location

All programs are held at the USCG Auxiliary Station—Flotilla 95 at:  
Caxambas Park  
905 Collier Court  
Marco Island, Florida 34145



# SAFE BOATING PROGRAMS

Presented by:

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Flotilla 95  
Marco Island, FL

Fall 2017 - Winter 2018

Department of Homeland Security



Program Information & Registration

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## Boating Skills & Seamanship

This course covers a variety of important topics and provides information that will help attendees become better boaters. Topics covered include: Rules of the Road, "Highway" Signs, Equipment, Boat Handling, Boating Laws, Safety, Navigation, Radio, Lines & Knots and Weather. The course meets twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) for four weeks. *Text Book Provided*

**2017**

October 2 to October 26

**2018**

January 8 - February 1  
February 26 - March 22  
July 9 - August 2

Class time: 7 PM to 9:30 PM

## Suddenly In Command

This course is a full-day program that includes classroom and on-the-water instruction. It is designed for "First Mates" or anyone who someday may find themselves "Suddenly in Command" of a vessel. Do you know how to use the radio to get help? Do you know how to read your position and report it? Do you know how to operate your boat? If not...this course may be for you! All attendees will operate a boat during this course and become familiar with the use of the VHF radio, GPS and safety equipment.

**2017**

November 9

**2018**

February 22  
March 22

## Boaters Local Knowledge Marco Island Area

This course provides practical information on how to navigate various waterways in and around Marco Island. Aerial and on-water photos are used throughout the course and allow attendees to actually see the areas they will be taking their boats through. This course is recommended for new, novice, and intermediate boaters, or boaters who are new to this area.

We suggest chart Top Spot N204 for this course.  
Kindly register early. This class is often at capacity.

**2017**

October 30 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
December 18 9 AM - 12:30 PM

**2018**

January 22 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
February 12 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
March 12 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
April 2 9 AM - 12:30 PM

## Weekend Navigator

This 6 hour class is given over the course of two days and covers electronic navigation tools and the use of paper charts to navigate and plot a course. It also covers the effect of tides, currents and wind on navigation.

**2017**

Oct. 25 & 27 - 9 AM – Noon

**For those interested in joining  
Flotilla 95, USCG Auxiliary,  
please contact  
Bob Shmihluk  
(215) – 694-3305**

## Boater's Local Knowledge Backwater Edition

This course begins where Boater's Local Knowledge ends, and provides those who want to explore the backwaters of the 10,000 Islands with the information they will need to safely navigate this unique area. Geography, tides and other navigating factors are thoroughly discussed. Aerial photos are used extensively in this course to aid boaters in knowing where to go...and where not to go. Six routes into the 10,000 Islands are reviewed in the class. This course is recommended for intermediate boaters and above.

We suggest chart Top Spot N204 for this course.  
Kindly register early. This class is often at capacity.

**2017**

October 31 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
December 19 9 AM - 12:30 PM

**2018**

January 23 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
February 13 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
March 13 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
April 3 9 AM - 12:30 PM

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