

FREE
BOATER SAFETY
CLASS

Sponsored by the Clear Lake
Association

JUNE 9, 2007

8:00AM TO 3:00PM

CLEAR LAKE TOWN HALL

5950 Gecowets Drive (CR 725E)

Open to everyone 11 and older. We
encouraged parents and grandparents
to attend.

All materials & lunch provided

CALL 495-4180 or 495-
3121 BY JUNE 3RD TO
ENROLL

This class qualifies as a boating edu-
cation course for those under age 16
and may also help you qualify for a
rate reduction on your boating insur-
ance.

Jim Kidd, Head of the Steuben
County Marine Patrol will conduct
the class.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
BOATING SAFETY HOTLINE
1-800-368-5647

CALL TOLL FREE FOR:

- ANSWERS TO BOATING SAFETY
QUESTIONS
- FOR BOATING SAFETY RECALL
INFORMATION
- TO REPORT POSSIBLE SAFETY
DEFECTS IN A BOAT

For more information, contact your local
Indiana Conservation Officer, or contact the
Law Enforcement Division
Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street-Room W255D
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-232-4010

Clear Lake Association
P. O. Box 38
Fremont IN 46737

Safe boating is no accident!



Overview of
Indiana
Boating
Laws

Compliments of the
Clear Lake Association and
Steuben County Marine Patrol
May 2007

INDIANA BOATING LAWS

1. All boats must be equipped with at least one wearable (1) US Coast Guard approved life saving device for each person on board.
2. For all boats 10 hp and over, the operators must be:
 - A minimum of 15 years of age, have a valid state BMV issued identification card, and have successfully completed a boating education course.
 - Boat operators 16 years of age or older, must have a valid drivers license, or an identification card issued by the BMV.
3. Maximum speed with full running lights is ten (10) miles per hour after sunset, and before sunrise.
4. Boats towing skiers must have one (1) person operating the boat, and one (1) person watching the skier at all times.
5. No person operating a motorboat less than twenty-one (21) feet in size, shall permit an occupant to sit, stand, or lie on the gunwales except when anchoring, mooring or casting off. (This includes feet hanging over the side of the boat and/or pontoon.)
6. No person shall operate any boat at a rate of speed greater than what is reasonable and prudent.
7. No person shall operate any motorboat less than two hundred (200) feet off the shoreline of any lake or channel except

for the purpose of:

- Trolling
 - Approaching or leaving a dock, pier or shore line of a lake
 - At idle speed
8. Every motorboat on the waters of Indiana must be registered and the numbers displayed on the boat. Registration must be carried in the boat at all times. (This includes out-of-state boats.)
 9. All personal injury accidents must be reported to 911. All property damage accidents over \$750, need to be reported by calling communications at 668-1000, ext 4030.
 10. Operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs can suspend the operators Indiana drivers license with the BMV and the operator can be given JAIL time.
 11. No operator or passenger of any watercraft can throw any kind of litter into the water or onto the shore of a lake.
 12. A person may not operate a water craft within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a divers flag.
 13. A person may not operate a water craft in a manner that unnecessarily endangers the person or property of another person.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT

14. All operators and passengers of Personal Water Craft shall wear a life jacket at all times.

15. Personal Water Craft must have self-circling capability OR a lanyard cut-off engine switch AND this switch must be attached to the operator.
16. Personal Water Craft operators shall NOT DO the following:
 - Weave through congested water craft traffic.
 - Follow skiers or any other water equipment being towed by a water craft (Examples: surf-board, knee board, tube, etc.)
 - Jump the wake of another water craft
 - Cut between a boat and skier
 - Steer a Personal Water Craft toward an object or individual in the water and turn sharply at close range.
17. A Personal Water Craft shall not tow an individual unless the Personal Water Craft is at least ten (10) feet long and is designed to seat at least three (3) people. The people should be:
 - One operator,
 - One observer,
 - And a seat for the skier if needed

PROPERTY OWNERS:

Please review these laws
with all your visitors and
guests.

Have a safe summer!!