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Boating Safety Class to Begin at Rockville High School

Vernon-If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, check out the *About Boating Safely* (PE01) class offered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Earn your Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and become a better recreational boater. Through lectures, demonstrations and audiovisual presentations, you will gain knowledge needed to boat safely, avoid problems, and enhance their enjoyment of on-the-water activities.

Through six Tuesday classes, this beginner boating course will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO)* from the State of Connecticut. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *About Boating Safely*. The CPWO allows a person, (age requirements) to operate a personal water craft or a recreational vessel up to 65 feet in length.

Classes are held at the Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Rd., Vernon, CT starting Tuesday March 8, 2016 through April 19, 2016. All classes begin at 6:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Cost is only **\$45.00** and you can register on-line at the Vernon Regional Adult Based Education web site <https://www.vrabe.com/CourseCatalog/classView.asp?id=2654> or by calling **860-870-6060** for more information. Payment is required prior to the start of the first class. For additional information please call the instructor, **David Marriott at 860-430-2986**.

*The USCG Auxiliary will issue a Certification of Completion to each person who successfully completes the class. This Auxiliary Certificate can be used to obtain your State of Connecticut Boating Certificate; there is a \$50 state charge to obtain this state certificate. Connecticut requires the student complete an approved class and pass the test with a minimum grade of 80%.

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For information on joining the Auxiliary, please visit the Auxiliary website at: <http://join.cgaux.org>.

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