**US Coast Guard Auxiliary Announces Boating Safely Classes**

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One of the best assets we have to promote safe use of our rivers and lakes is the educated boater. With that in mind the Prairie Du Chien Flotilla, US Coast Guard Auxiliary has announced the annual spring Boating Safely schedule.

“About Boating Safely” is a one day US Coast Guard Auxiliary course covering basic boating safety, operation and the laws for operating a boat, including personal watercraft (PWC). This course is for all age groups and experience levels. “I had a student with 20 plus years on the river who stated that with all his experience he still learned from the course,” said Auxiliary instructor Art Sullivan.

This course is of special interest to young boaters and their parents who will be setting sail this summer, many for the first time. This course also satisfies the requirements for those young operators to obtain a required state boating safety certificate before venturing out on the water.

Those interested in attending any of the courses should contact Joanie Dickerson at (608) 996-2152. The cost of the course is generally around $20 per student depending on location.

April 9 – La Crescent, MN (La Crescent Middle School)

April 30 – Prairie Du Chien, WI (City Hall)

May 21 – Guttenberg, IA (Guttenberg Recreation Center) you may also contact the Guttenberg Marine and RV Center at (563)252-2628 for more information on the Guttenberg class

June 20 – 23 – Desoto, WI (during Summer on the River)

For more information on these and other US Coast Guard Auxiliary courses go to <http://www.cgaux.org/>

 and click “Find a Boating Course”.

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