

Better Boating Skills

– for beginners through to experienced boat owners.

Recreational Boating Education

Whether you have just bought a power boat for the first time, or are an experienced boat owner, Boating Victoria has a range of courses to help you increase your skills, confidence and the enjoyment of your boat.

Or maybe you have family or friends who would like to increase their confidence in operating a boat or obtain a Victorian Recreational Boat Operations licence.

Who is Boating Victoria?

Boating Victoria is the Power Boat division of Yachting Victoria. Its member clubs have a significant proportion of their members interested in Power Boating. Through its affiliation with Yachting Australia it is able to access the nationally recognised training schemes for both Power Boats and Motor Cruisers – suited to the very beginner to those intending an extended offshore trip.

Yachting Australia's and Boating Victoria's philosophy is to be leaders in on-water training across popular boating activities for both club members and the public.

For more information and details of upcoming courses and locations contact Boating Victoria now.

Call 03 9597 0066 (ext 2) or see www.boatingvictoria.com.au

Or call the BoatShed on 03 9686 2571 or see www.theboatshed.net.au





Introductory Recreational Boating Courses

Boating Victoria courses aim to equip boat operators with a sound knowledge of all that is necessary to go to sea in a powerboat in a competent and safe manner. The focus is safety and how to do things the right way - easily. They are suitable for power boats of all sizes and people of all ages.

The theory aspect of the courses covers everything from basic safety, through to State laws, engine and drive maintenance, safety equipment, radio operation, weather forecasting, collision regulations, the buoyage system, navigation, radio, trip preparation and emergency procedures.

The practical work covers such on-water activities as manoeuvring in confined spaces, coming alongside and berthing, high-speed boat operation, anchoring, holding station and man-overboard drills.

A comprehensive collection of relevant literature is supplied at the beginning of the course, covering pretty much everything that needs to be considered prior to, and after getting your boat wet.

The Victorian Recreational Boat Operators course comprises one day of class room tuition plus a day of on-water instruction. The course can be undertaken in a full weekend or over two weekends or two weekday nights and a day at the weekend.

A typical course would involve a group of 12 to 15 people, with one instructor for the theory sessions and three for the supervised practical work.

Cost is around \$300 per person. Successful completion qualifies you for purposes of issuing a Recreational Boating licence in most States, including Victoria.

More Advanced Courses

The National Power Boat Handling Course offers an extra day of more advanced training and is recognised by outdoor groups such as scouts and outdoor educators as being appropriate for their on water personnel.

The "Safety Boat" course focuses on skills relevant to more complex safety situations, and is a further two days.

There's also a range of structured courses suited to owners of larger Motor Cruisers, right up to a level that equips you with the knowledge and skills to head offshore.

Short Courses

Boating Victoria instructors also conduct a range of short courses in subjects relevant to your boating needs include detailed Navigation and a Radio Operators qualification.

Personalised Tuition

If you would like personalised training to enhance your boat management skills, qualified instructors are available to assist – for an hour or a day, in a group or individually.

Quality Accredited Instructors

The Boating Victoria courses are delivered by recognised Yachting Australia Training Centres. Boating Victoria powerboat instructors, delivering all courses and training, are all qualified under the National Schemes and are experienced powerboat handlers, many with commercial boating qualifications and all experienced in adult learning techniques. And they all share the same passion for boating and the desire to pass it on.

The Boating Victoria boat education courses have been featured on major TV boat shows and have had extensive coverage in major boating publications.

