

**Bowdoin College**  
**Boating Safety Policy**  
**Attachment 1**

Recommended Training Courses

The fundamentals of boating safety are critical for responsible boating. Bowdoin College wants all involved to have the best experience possible on Maine waters and therefore, requires all operators of motorized vessels to take a boating safety course followed by a field session practical.

Boating Safety Web-Sites and on-line courses that meet Bowdoin's Boating Safety course requirement:

Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS), is an organization of recreational boat owners looking out for the boating communities interest. Their nonprofit component 'BoatUs Foundation' provides an online boating safety course; [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com), then in the search area check online free course .

United States Power Squadrons is a large recreational boating organization working at making the water safe through boating education. They provide 'America's Boating Course'; the course can be taken by studying with a manual, a CD or on the Internet. The course does require an in person proctored exam. [www.americasboatingcourse.com](http://www.americasboatingcourse.com)

Boat Safe is a provider of safe boater education and has taught folks throughout the US and Canada.  
[www.boatsafe.com](http://www.boatsafe.com)

Other useful links:

United States Coast Guard  
[www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)

Maine Department of Marine Resources,  
[www.maine.gov/dmr](http://www.maine.gov/dmr)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
[www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw)

National Weather Service  
[www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)