

## **FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION**

### **SAFE BOATING CLASSES (Boating Skills & Seamanship or About Boating Safely)**

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting several safe boating classes in Western Massachusetts. Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S) class is an in-depth weekly class lasting several weeks and the About Boating Safely (ABS) class is a one day, 8 hour, basic boating course.

These classes are taught by qualified U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. Classes include a wide variety of boating subjects including type of boats & equipment, boat handling, rules of the road, boating safety, boat motors, lines & knots, etc. These courses are suitable for beginners and a good refresher for seasoned boaters. Courses are designed for adults, as well as children as young as seventh grade. A certificate will be presented after passing the final exam. These courses satisfy state requirements for licensing; however, some states may have special additional requirements.

#### **Western Massachusetts Schedules:**

- Feb 24, 2016. Springfield Lake Lorraine BS&S
  - Info: (413) 454-5175 [rhassett@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:rhassett@springfieldcityhall.com)
- Feb 1, 2016. Holyoke Community College BS&S
  - Info: (413) 592-0151 [rsmajg@verizon.net](mailto:rsmajg@verizon.net)
- Feb 2, 2016. Westfield State University BS&S
  - Info: (413) 569-1855 [bruce.mason4@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.mason4@gmail.com)
- Mar 7, 2016 South Hadley Mosier School BS&S
  - Info: (413) 533-33258. [flotilla97@hotmail.com](mailto:flotilla97@hotmail.com)
- Apr 2, 2016. Pittsfield Berkshire Community College ABS
  - info: (413) 236-2127 [www.berkshirecc.edu/CommunityEducation](http://www.berkshirecc.edu/CommunityEducation)

Students can contact the following registration links or your local college website.

- [www.a013.uscgaux.info/units/division9.html](http://www.a013.uscgaux.info/units/division9.html)
- [www.a013.uscgaux.info/pe.htm](http://www.a013.uscgaux.info/pe.htm)

A required text book is available from the instructors for a nominal fee on the first night. Registration fees may be charged by your college.