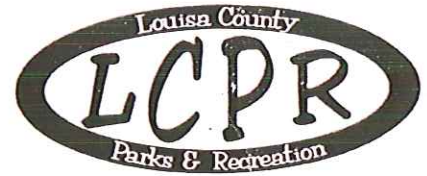




FREE



Virginia Safe Boating Course

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF), in conjunction with Louisiana County Parks & Recreation, will be offering a **FREE** safe boating course.

The course will held at the Betty Queen Center on the following dates...

**** Saturdays ****

**** 8am-5pm****

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9



The Virginia Boating Safety Education compliance requirement is being phased-in over a 7-year period (July 1, 2009-July 1, 2016). The second-phase applies specifically to personal watercraft (PWC) operators 14 years of age up to and including 35 years of age and requires they successfully complete an accredited safe boating course prior to July 1, 2010 in order to legally operate a PWC.

Students who successfully complete this course are issued a wallet-sized, Boating Safety Card and their name entered into the VDGIF database. Any person operating a PWC age 35 or younger not meeting this requirement may be cited and subject to a fine.

To register or obtain additional information

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For more information regarding class dates and locations visit
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/classes.asp?location=Ashland>