

Did you know that FREE Vessel Safety Checks are offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary?

Make sure your boat has the safety equipment to meet required Federal, State and Local regulations. Call today for a complimentary Vessel Safety Check. Your boat will be inspected by a certified Vessel Examiner. Any missing equipment that is required or recommended changes will be pointed out. You can use this opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your boat or boating in the local area. When your boat passes the safety check, you will receive a decal that can be displayed on the side of the boat.

To schedule your FREE Vessel Safety Check,

please call:

Richard Hurd (617) 699-8155

**Joining The
Coast Guard Auxiliary**

If you are looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community, consider the US Coast Guard Auxiliary on Marco Island.

We perform essential duties for the Federal Government in support roles for the United States

Interested in joining Flotilla 95? Please call Sarah Gabua at (815) 243-6005 or sarah.gabua@gmail.com

To sign up for a course or to receive additional information on costs for any of our programs, please contact:

Frank Ciriello

at

CGAUXCOURSES@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL (239) 384-7416

Please provide:

- **First & Last Name.**
- **Class and Date you wish to attend.**
- **Your e-mail address.**
- **Your Telephone numbers.**

You will be contacted with the course registration information

**All programs are held at the
USCG Auxiliary Station**

Flotilla 95, at:

Caxambas Park

903 Collier Court

Marco Island, Florida 34145



Web Site: USCGAuxMarco.org

**SAFE BOATING
CLASSES**



WINTER 2024

Flotilla 95

Marco Island, FL

Program Information & Registration

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Boating Skills & Seamanship (BS&S)

This premiere course covers a variety of important topics and provides information to help attendees become better boaters. Topics covered: Rules of the Road, "Highway" Signs, Equipment, Boat Handling, Boating Laws, Safety, Navigation, Radio, Lines & Knots and Weather. The course meets twice a week, on Mondays & Thursday, for 3 weeks. At completion of a passing test, you will receive the **FL Boating Safety ID card and USCG Certificate. Course Textbook Provided**

\$75; Class times M/T: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

- **February 5-22, 2024**
- **March 4-21, 2024**

Boaters Local Knowledge *Marco Island Area (BLK)*

This first of a kind course provides practical information on how to navigate various waterways in and around Marco Island. Aerial and on-water photos are used throughout the course and allow attendees to actually see the areas they will be taking their boats through. This course is recommended for new, novice, and intermediate boaters, or boaters who are new to this area.

Top Spot Chart #N204 is required for use during the class. Please be sure to bring the chart with you along with a highlighter.

\$70; Course starts at 5 PM; One day class only

- **Tuesday January 9, 2024**
- **Tuesday February 6, 2024**
- **Tuesday March 5, 2024**

Suddenly In Command

“Suddenly in Command” (SIC) is a Boating Safety presentation designed for those who are not normally at the helm and may find themselves “Suddenly in Command” if the skipper becomes ill, gets injured or falls overboard. Overview of the basics you should know to be prepared for an emergency, how to minimize mishaps, and how to call for help. With so many new boaters hitting our waterways, this topic is likely more important than ever.

\$25; Course starts at 5PM. One day class only.

- **Wednesday January 24, 2024**
- **Thursday April 4, 2024**

Boaters Local Knowledge *Backwaters (BLK-BW)*

This unique course begins where Boater’s Local Knowledge (BLK) ends and provides those who want to explore the backwaters of the 10,000 Islands with the information they will need to safely navigate in this unique area. Geography, tides and other key factors that have a major impact on navigation in these waters are thoroughly discussed. Aerial photos are used extensively to aid boaters in knowing where to go...and where not to go. Actual routes into the 10,000 Islands are reviewed in the class. This course is recommended for intermediate boaters and above.

Top Spot Chart #N204 is required for use during the class. Please be sure to bring this chart with you along with a highlighter.

\$70; Course starts at 5 PM; One day class only

- **Wednesday January 10, 2024**
- **Wednesday February 7, 2024**
- **Wednesday March 6, 2024**

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

This course covers the USCGA course on PWC water safety and add an extra component for jet ski and Craig Cats in the backwaters of the 10,000 Islands. It stresses safety above all else and backwater knowledge (risks, etiquette, navigation - with real life examples) plus routes that are very different from the BLK and BLK-BW courses.

\$25; Course starts at 5 PM. One day class only.

- **Tuesday January 16, 2024**
- **Tuesday February 14, 2024**

Boating America (BA)

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course for all type of boaters. All graduates upon passing the exam, receive the FL Boating Safety ID card. *Course Textbook Provided.*

USCG Aux trained instructors will focus on;

- Introduction to Boating
- Boating Law
- Safety Equipment
- Safe Operation and Navigation
- Boating Emergencies
- Trailering
- Sports and Boating

\$45; Course starts at 8am to 5pm; One day class only

- **Saturday April 6, 2024**

Paddlecraft Safety (PS)

To help reduce your chances of becoming a statistic, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 95, on Marco Island, is offering a Paddlecraft Safety Training Course. This course will be taught by a USCG Certified Instructor who has over 30 years of Canoe and Kayak experience both in the 10,000 Islands and the Pacific Northwest.

\$25; Course starts at 5 PM. One day class only.

- **Thursday March 28, 2024**