

PENTWATER BOATING SAFETY CLASS

If you are 12 years of age or older and interested in attending a Boating Safety Class this summer please sign up now. Boating Safety Classes will be held at the Pentwater Yacht Club on:

**June 10 and 11, 2010 (Thursday and Friday early after school summer recess)
July 8 and 9, 2010 (Thursday and Friday following July 4 holiday)
August 9 and 10, 2010 (Monday and Tuesday prior to Pentwater Homecoming)**

All classes start at 8:00AM and finish at 12:00 noon.

Taught by Tim Simon, Marine Deputy of the Oceana County Sheriffs Department, the class will cover subjects including navigational aids, safety equipment, operations, anchoring, docking and legal requirements.

These are three separate classes, identical to one another in content. Each class provides eight hours of classroom instruction and those who successfully complete any one of these three classes will receive the Boating Safety Certificate issued by the State of Michigan.

Sponsorship of each class is shared by the Oceana County Sheriff Department; the Pentwater Yacht Club; and the Pentwater Sportfishing Association. There is no charge to the participants attending any one of these three classes. Each of the classes is open to all residents and visitors to the area age twelve years or older.

Successful completion of the course will lead to awarding of a Boating Safety Certificate which is required by Michigan State Law:

For all youth ages 12 to 15 to operate unaccompanied any boat powered by a motor of more than 6 horsepower.

For all persons born after December 31, 1978 who operate personal watercraft (Jet Skis) in the State of Michigan.

For both the child and the parent when 12 to 14 year old children operate a personal watercraft. The child must be accompanied solely by a parent or guardian, both are required to have the Boating Safety Certificate; and the safety shutoff lanyard must be attached to the parent or guardian.

Florida and some parts of Canada have similar laws and this certificate is reportedly acceptable to their requirements through reciprocal privileges.

**To Register or
For information call**

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or
Deputy Sheriff Tim Simon 873-6771**