

## Frequently asked questions

### New York State Adventure License Program



**Who is eligible for the Adventure License boating icon?** Anyone successfully completing the New York Safe Boating Course may opt to have their driver's license, non-driver ID, or learner's permit indicate completion of the course.

**I have a NYC ID; can I have the boating icon put on that ID?** No, the icon can only be placed on licenses and ID's issued by the NYS DMV.

**Do I need to notify DMV before they renew my license or ID?** No. DMV will maintain a record of your having completed the boating safety course, and automatically place the icon on your license each time it is renewed.

I have a U.S. Coast Guard License; Can that be listed on the Adventure License? No, only boating safety certificates can be listed.

**What happens if I move out of state?** If you move out of state you must relinquish your NY Driver license and apply for a driver's license in their new state. In order to maintain the Adventure License status you will need to apply for a NY Non-Driver ID which will include that designation and maintain it continuously.

**I have a lifetime fishing and hunting license and a boating safety certificate. Can I put all three on my driver's license?** Yes you may.

**I live in NY but I have an out of state boating safety certificate, do I qualify for the Adventure License program?** No, you must have a New York safe boating certificate to be eligible.

**I got my boating safety certificate online and tried to get the Adventure License through my provider but I when I click on the link it brings me back to a NYS information page. What do I have to do?**

Click on the provider that you used and follow the direction on the document that pops up.

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[Boater Exam](#)

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### Fees

There are two different options to consider when asking for your boating safety certificate to be attached to your DMV license or ID; Opt In Now or Opt In Later.

If you Opt-In Now, you want to receive a new DMV issued document, you will be charged a new document fee. If you Opt-In Later, you choose to wait for your next renewal, you do not pay a fee.

Opt-In Now driver license or Learner's permit \$12.50.

Opt-In Now non driver ID \$5.00.

**I paid my fee and I have not received my new license/permit/ID yet. Who do I call?** You can check on the [mailing status](#) with DMV.

**I had my fishing and hunting license put on my license. Why do I have to pay an additional fee to get my boating safety certificate on my license?** Whenever DMV prints a document for a customer, the customer has to pay for it. NYS Parks has no control over this fee.

**How can I get all my recreational licenses and boating safety certificate on my driver's license for only one fee?** Figure out what sporting licenses you want to be indicated on your driver's license and Opt-In Later to have them apply at your next renewal. Next, wait a few days and Opt-In now for your boating safety certificate and you will receive all icons at the same time.