

Frequently asked questions

Online Boating Education Programs



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

Why did NYS Parks go to an online program? It was both the legislature's and governor's intention in passing the 2013 legislation that the public have access to the latest technologies in learning when meeting the State's boater education requirements. There are boaters who could not make a traditional classroom course for several reasons and the online programs can meet those boater's needs.

I have found a variety of on-line boating courses. Does NYS recognize all these courses? Although there are several on-line providers of "boating education", only those listed on the Parks webpage are acceptable in meeting the State's boater education requirements.

Can I trade my on-line certificate for a New York boating certificate? No, there will not be a trade-in program of an on-line certificate for Park's issued certificate. The online certificates are of similar design to the state issued certificate so that law enforcement officers are not confused.

Can I apply for the Adventure License program? Students successfully completing the on-line course are also eligible to apply for the Adventure License.

I took an online class and I've lost my boating safety certificate. Can NYS Parks issue me a replacement certificate? Duplicate certificates and any problems with the on-line courses will be handled by the online provider. On-line support and a phone numbers can be found at the course provider's website.