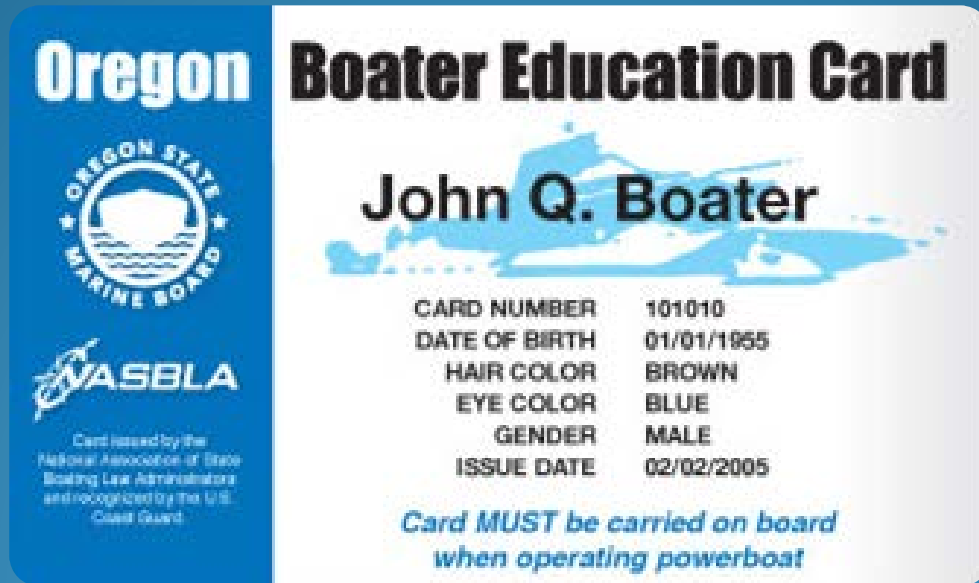


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## Boater Education Card



**Oregon Boater Education Card**

**John Q. Boater**

CARD NUMBER	101010
DATE OF BIRTH	01/01/1955
HAIR COLOR	BROWN
EYE COLOR	BLUE
GENDER	MALE
ISSUE DATE	02/02/2005

*Card MUST be carried on board  
when operating powerboat*

**Oregon State Marine Board**

**NASBLA**

Card issued by the  
National Association of State  
Boating Law Administrators  
and recognized by the U.S.  
Coast Guard.



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## Mandatory Boater Education *Program Update & Summary*



- HB 2977 was passed by the 1999 Oregon Legislature.
- Goal: “To reduce accidents, injuries, deaths, and property damage, and to reduce conflict, on Oregon’s waterways.”
- Applies to persons 12 and older operating any craft greater than 10 hp.
- Age-based phase-in from 2003 to 2009.
- 355,000 Boater Education Cards issued to date.



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## Boater Education Benefits



### Oregon Fatality Trends

(per 100,000 registered boats)



- Oregon Fatal Rate - All
- Oregon Fatal Rate - BEC
- - - Linear (Oregon Fatal Rate - All)
- - - Linear (Oregon Fatal Rate - BEC)

	BEC	NoBEC
1999	10.8	5.4
2018	7.2	6.8
% Change	-33%	25%
<i>(5 Year Average. Deaths per year, unadjusted)</i>		



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## Issue: 60 Day Exemption

### *Then:*

- Oregon was the first state west of the Mississippi to implement Mandatory Boater Education.
- Broad education infrastructure was not in place.
- Legislators supported a 60 day exemption to minimize impact to tourism and marine retailers.

### *Now:*

- 43 of 50 states now have some form of mandatory boater education.
- Online and classroom education is broadly available, affordable and effective.





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## Concern

- Oregon has a high rate of “churn,”  
- *lots of novices.*
- Boating diversity has increased dramatically.
- Power boats are getting larger, heavier and faster.
- More manually powered boats than ever.

## New Opportunity

- Novice boaters have ample access to quality boater education courses prior to purchasing a boat.
- Many visitors have state boater education requirements, or have easy access to the training.
- Educated boaters see the exemption as a loophole that endangers others on the water.



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## Solution:

- Remove the 60-day exemption for people who purchase a new or used boat.
- Remove the 60-day exemption for out-of-state visitors. Oregon would recognize certifications issued by home state.
- Require all boat operators to complete an approved boating safety course BEFORE operating vessel.





# Questions

