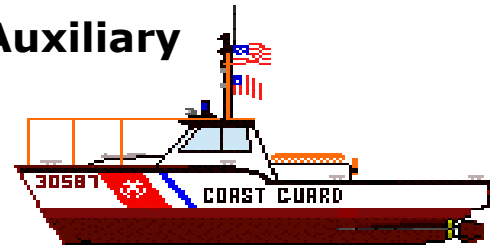




United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla of the North Fork Long Island NY



Welcome Letter

May 2021

Dear Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library Patrons and others registered,

Welcome aboard to the BA (Boat America) course offered by the North Fork Flotilla of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, online with live certified volunteer instructors (see page 8) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 18, 20, 26, 27, 2021.

After registering with the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, you'll receive an email from uscga1808@gmail.com to fill out a Google form, fill it out, then click SUBMIT.

On Tuesday May 18, you'll receive an email with the invite link. Click on it to be admitted to each class. SAVE that email to admit yourself for the next 3 classes.

During the four classes, your instructors will broaden your knowledge of boating, stress information to be safe on the water and prepare you for the test.

Through the Chat room, you will ask questions, share your experiences, and "talk" virtually with the instructors.

At the end of the class on May 27, the test is 60 multiple-choice questions, 1 to 50 for BA and 51 to 60 for NY State.

We make every effort to make the classes fun and informative.

After successful completion, you'll receive a wallet-sized card (see page 6) and a Certificate of Accomplishment (See page 7).

These documents

- Permit individuals 14 years of age and over to legally operate a PWC (Personal Water Craft)
- Satisfy the requirements of NY State boating safety
- May qualify you for an insurance discount on your vessel

Topics include:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1	Know Your Boat	2 - 4
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FAQs

BA course

2021 May 18, 20, 25, 27

Why should students take this course?

- to refresh your knowledge of boating safety
- as a new or prospective boat owner
- to meet the new New York State regulations requiring all New York State boaters to successfully complete an approved boating safety course
- to enable 14 year olds to operate a PWC (Personal Water Craft)

How do students pay the \$30 course fee?

Write your hand-written check or pay directly from your bank account, payable to "USCG Aux Flotilla 014-18-08".

Write in memo "USCG Aux BA course".

Deliver your check to the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library.

Who can register?

Anyone age 10 and up. All levels of boating experience welcome.

What is the deadline for registering?

Monday, May 17 by 12 noon.

If students have already completed another boating safety course, can they still take this BA course?

Yes

How do students edit or delete their registration?

You can't yourself. You must email, text or call the contact person listed at the end of these FAQs. Therefore please take your time when registering to ensure accuracy.

After registering, how will students receive updated information?

When you register, you must enter your own specific email address. No one can share an email address. Updates will be sent to your own email address.

How do students obtain the BA textbook?

Turn in your check for \$30 to the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, and then pick up your envelope of textbook and supplementary materials from the front Desk. The textbook is not available online. (See page 9)

Can students borrow the BA textbook from someone who's taken the course?

Yes, it's 5th edition 2020.

If Students already have their own textbook does that change the \$30 fee?

No, the costs for Flotilla 014-18-08 are not itemized.

Is there homework?

Yes, prior to each class, plan on 1½ hours of self-study.

Tuesday May 18, 2021	read chapters 1, 2 answer review exercises on pages 58 - 59
Thursday May 20, 2021	read chapter 3 answer review exercises on page 59
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	read chapter 4 answer review exercises on page 60
Thursday May 27, 2021	read chapters 5, 6 answer review exercises on page study all chapter review exercises to prepare for test

Note: Schedule subject to change, based on instructor availability.

How do students gain admittance to each of the 4 classes?

The day of the first class, you'll receive an invite email from uscga1808@gmail.com with a link. Don't see it in your INBOX? Check your SPAM. Do NOT delete that email. Click on it each class day between 5:45 pm and 6 pm. Save that email to admit yourself to the next 3 classes.

How is attendance taken?

Automatically recorded via your own email address with your name in the participants list.

How do students ask questions during each of the 4 classes?

Click on the chat icon. Click on "everyone" or another specific student to receive your question or comment. When finished entering your question or comment, then press enter, NOT before. Participation is encouraged, not required.

What are the requirements to take the test?

To be successfully registered by May 17 by 12 noon, paid the \$30 fee, and attended all 4 classes.

How do students take the test at the end of the 4th class?

After chapter 6 is taught, if you have completed the requirements to take the test, you will receive an email from uscga1808@gmail.com with the link for the test. Don't see it in your INBOX? Check SPAM. Click on the link. You have 1 ½ hours to complete the 60 questions. Instructors remain available via the chat box or the contact person below. When taking the test, do NOT click SUBMIT until you are finished. Once you click SUBMIT, your test is finished, you cannot go back to check answers.

How is the test administered?

If you have listened attentively during all 4 classes, read each chapter before class and successfully answered chapter review exercises, you will only need up to 30 minutes without referring to your textbook. Many of the test questions are similar to the review exercises.

Due to NY State and US Coast Guard requirements, you are expected to provide answers on your own, without referring to printed material or any other source. If you do not understand specific words in the questions or answers, you may consult the contact person listed below.

You must use your own device with your camera on. No sharing of devices. While taking the test, you may refer back to prior questions to possibly change an answer. Do NOT click SUBMIT until you are finished. When finished, you may exit the course. No further info is given by the instructors.

After 1½ hours you will be automatically cut off with your score based on your answers given. Your score is automatically recorded in your registration via your email address.

80% is passing.

How will students know if they passed and what was their score?

If you do not pass, you will immediately receive an email, text or phone call. You may request your score from the contact person. After passing, you will receive via US Mail, a letter, your Certificate of Accomplishment and Wallet-Sized ID Card. These documents are your proof of passing.

Your instructors look forward to meeting you.


Have you read all these pages of this Welcome Letter and FAQs?

If yes, then for further info,

Contact Helen Horton, Flotilla 014-18-08 Staff Officer for Public Education

hahbreeze@gmail.com 631-523-7889 text 631-779-3236 home

Sample Wallet Size ID Card
for all students successfully
completing the ABS course.



This is to certify that _____
has successfully completed
**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
About Boating Safely**

Flotilla _____ District _____

Date _____ Flotilla Commander _____

Course approved by the National
Association of State Boating Law
Administrators and recognized by the
United States Coast Guard

NASBLA

SAMPLE

Certificate of Accomplishment
For successfully completing the
U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



Flotilla Commander

District, Division, Flotilla

Date



Bios of BA (Boat America) Instructors of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

In alpha order

Maria Bouboulis (daughter of Tisha) – USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor, current 18-02 flotilla commander, public affairs officer. Currently staff member in an elementary school bi-lingual program and as a summer dock attendant at the Sag Harbor Yacht Club.

Tisha Bouboulis (mother of Maria) - USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor, vessel safety examiner, past 18-02 flotilla commander and public affairs officer. Presently working as the office manager for an architectural sheet metal /slate tile company.

Amal Chaudhuri Controller of PowerPoint slides - USCG Aux current 18-08 communication services officer and qualified radio operator. Currently full-time professional computer specialist. Administrator of the BAS on-line course. Sailor, power boater and kayaker.


Robert Ettl – USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor, certified master instructor. Current Flotilla 014-18-03 public education officer. Past 014-18 division commander. US Army veteran and officer in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Currently a Professor of Marketing/Management at Stony Brook University and a Public Safety Commissioner for the Town of Southampton.

Helen Horton - USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor, current 18-08 public education officer, past secretary and treasurer. Current certified instructor and past secretary for the Peconic Bay Power Squadron (America's Boating Club). Retired programmer systems analyst, high school math and college computer science teacher. Life-long sailor and kayaker.

John Nicholson - USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor, past treasurer, current 18-08 flotilla commander, vessel safety examiner. Retired math teacher, current Mathematics consultant to school districts and high schools. A racing sailor, vineyard grower and wine specialist.

Jack Slattery – USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor, past national staff officer and Director of Response USCG Aux, Veteran US Army pilot, Retired VP Xerox Corp. Current chair of Southold Town Police Advisory Committee.

Ted Webb - USCG Aux qualified volunteer instructor and vessel safety examiner, past flotilla commander and public education officer, past certified instructor for the Peconic Bay Power Squadron (America's Boating Club), past commodore of Orient Yacht Club. Retired executive of the American Heart Association, veteran of US Navy. Currently chair of Southold Town Historic Preservation Commission and Fire Commissioner of Orient Fire District. Life-long Lightning sailor.

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