The Antrim County Sheriff’s Office is offering a **free** boater safety course and exam for students (should be 12 or older) and adults as part of the “2025 Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Boat Legal” Training Initiative. Upon successful completion of the course and exam, a Boating Safety Certificate will be awarded. As always, parents and guardians are welcome to attend with students.

There are online boating safety courses and exams in which individuals can get their BSC after paying $29.95 to the websites’ owners. Our course with exam and certification offered by the ACSO is at **no cost** to the participants.

**Where:** All classes will be held from 8:00 am - approximately 3:00 pm.

 April 5, 2025 Mancelona High School

April 12, 2025 Bellaire High School

 April 19, 2025 Elk Rapids High School

 April 26, 2025 Central Lake High School

 May 3, 2025 Ellsworth High School

Lunch will be provided, compliments of the following lake associations:

 Elk-Skegemog Lake Association (ESLA)

 Friends of Clam Lake (FoCL)

 Three Lakes Association (TLA)

 Torch Lake Protection Alliance (TLPA)

 Intermediate Lake Association (ILA)

**Registration:** Participants should register online (see below), they can pick up and then read the pre-study Michigan course book: “A Course on Responsible Boating” at the high school or middle school office.

**Details:** The course will be approximately 4.5 hours with an additional 60 - 90 minute period for the exam and awarding of the Boating Safety Certificates. Topics will include:

 - Know Your Boat

 - Before You Get Underway

 - Operating Your Boat Safely

 - The Legal Requirements of Boating

 - Boating Emergencies, What To Do

 - Enjoying Water Sports with Your Boat

In addition, there will be discussion on local Antrim County rules, protecting local wildlife and best boating practices. The course is conducted by MDNR certified Boating Safety Instructors from the Antrim County Sheriff’s Office, Marine Patrol.

You will need to register for the course online:

 1. Search: **“Boater Safety Education Events-Kalkomey”**

 2. Search postal code

3. View Course

 4. Register Now

5. Create an Account

 6. Login to your account

7. Register for Class