

Rules and Regulations
Of The
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

New Rules

Chapter 1660-02-12
Rules and Regulations for Boating Education

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1660-02-12-.01 Boating Education Program.

- (1) Any Tennessee resident born after January 1, 1989, who is operating a boat, must have onboard the TWRA-issued Boating Safety Education Certificate card.
- (2) To receive the Boating Safety Education Certificate card a person must:
 - (a) Purchase the Type 600 Boating Safety Exam Permit from any business that sells hunting and fishing licenses.
 - (b) Take a monitored TWRA administered boating safety examination.
- (3) To receive a replacement card, a person must purchase the Type 605 Boating Certification Card from any business that sells hunting and fishing licenses.
- (4) Falsification of a document with intent that it will be taken as a genuine government record may be prosecuted pursuant to T.C.A. §39-16-504.

1660-02-12-.02 Boat Dealers.

- (1) Boat dealers who desire to administer the monitored TWRA examination must:
 - (a) Make application to TWRA Boating Division to become a testing monitor.
 - (b) Upon approval, the dealer must administer the examination via the TWRA-monitored internet website.

1660-02-12-.03 Boating Education Course Providers.

- (1) Any National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course provider requesting that the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency accept their boating safety course as an avenue to prepare anyone born after January 1, 1989 to pass the monitored TWRA boating safety examination must be able to comply with the following:
 - (a) The course provider must accompany the request with a letter confirming:
 1. That the course provider will not issue a Boating Safety Certificate to any Tennessean born after January 1, 1989.

2. That by January 31 of each year, the course provider will provide the TWRA with the number of Tennesseans certified in the previous year and their ages so that the TWRA can provide accurate data to the United States Coast Guard in the annual Recreational Boating Safety Performance Report.
 3. That the course provider will provide a valid contact number and/or email address to the TWRA and keep this information updated if any changes occur.
- (2) It is acceptable for course providers to issue a Boating Safety Certificate to anyone born before January 2, 1989, for insurance purposes or for a non-Tennessee resident.
 - (3) Falsification of a document with the intent that it will be taken as a genuine government record may be prosecuted pursuant to T.C.A. §39-16-504.

Statutory Authority: T.C.A. §70-1-206

The rulemaking hearing rule amendment set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the 15th day of May, 2007 and will become effective on the 29th day of July, 2007. (FS 07-11-07, DBID 2534)