The Antrim County Sheriff’s Office is offering a **free,** boater safety course and exam as part of the:

**“2023 Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Boat Legal” Training Initiative**

Upon successful completion of the course and exam, a Boating Safety Certificate (BSC) will be awarded. This course with exam and certification offered by the ACSO is at no cost to the students.

**Why:** Knowledgeable boat/PWC operators are the key to safe and enjoyable use of our county’s water resources. In addition, the law states:

**Boats** - Any person born after July 1, 1996, must have and carry a Boating Safety Certificate (BSC) to operate any boat with a motor greater than 6 hp.

**PWCs (Jet Skis)** - Any person born after December 31, 1978, must have and carry a Boating Safety Certificate (BSC) to operate any ***personal water craft*** (PWC/Jet Ski).

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

 April 15, 2023 Mancelona High School

 April 22, 2023 Elk Rapids High School

 April 29, 2023 Bellaire High School

 May 6, 2023 Central Lake 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

**Registration:** Students should pick up information on how to register at the respective high/middle school office, register online and read the pre-study Michigan course book: “A Course on Responsible Boating”. Anyone age 12 and up (adults included) may sign up for the course. Classes fill quickly so reserve your spot soon!

Anyone can register for classes 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

**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 (BSC).

In addition, there will be discussion on local Antrim County rules, regulations, and best boating practices.

Conducted by MDNR certified Boating Safety Instructors - Antrim County Sheriff’s Office, Marine Patrol.