

## Free class leads to boater education card

ASTORIA — USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 62, in partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board, will teach a mandatory Boater Education Class leading to a boater education card 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24.

The class will be held in the 2nd Floor Conference room at Englund Marine & Industrial Supply (95 Hamburg Ave.). Class registration starts at 7:45 a.m.

The cost, which includes the class manual, will be free. The course covers practical boating safety information and local boating rules and regulations, as well as tips and techniques for making boating more enjoyable. Additionally, a section on cold-water survival will be shared.

Students who successfully complete the course may apply for their boater education card, required by Oregon's and Washington's mandatory boater education programs. All Oregon boaters 12 and older must carry their boater education card when operating power boats greater than 10 horsepower. Youth 12 to 15 must have a card to operate a boat under 10 horsepower and must also be supervised by a card-holding adult (16 years of age, 18 for Personal Watercraft (PWC) Operators) when operating power boats greater than 10 horsepower. You can be cited a hefty fine for not having a card.

The Boater Education Card will also save you money on boat insurance.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approves this course, which will be taught by qualified instructors in a positive, relaxed and informative environment.

To preregister or get further information, contact Dave Phillips at 503-440-9130.

# Greet spring's arrival with Lewis and Clark Trail Run Series



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Runners enjoy the 2017 Lewis and Clark Trail Run.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park hosts its first trail run of the year Saturday, March 31, to bid adieu to winter at Fort Clatsop and greet the arrival of spring.

The Lewis & Clark Trail Series includes exhilarating events along beautiful trails through forest landscapes, complete with a welcoming and friendly race atmosphere. These events are open to walkers and runners of all ages and provide the opportunity to experience the North Coast the way people have for thousands of years: on footpaths.

This first event in the Trail Series is Saturday morning, March 31.

Come for either a 5K or 10K course that features the Kwis Kwis Trail. The 10K run will include some long, steep sections. The start/finish line will be at the Fort to Sea Trail trailhead off Fort Clatsop Road. Allow time to park at one of the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center parking lots, register at the visitor center, then enjoy a half-mile warm-up hike on the Fort to Sea Trail to the start line prior to the 10 a.m. start.

No pets are allowed on the course during the event (pets leashed to people are welcome on park trails at other times).

Register that morning 9 to 9:30 a.m., at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center. The cost to participate is the purchase of a \$20 Annual Park Pass that grants entry into all of the 2018 Lewis & Clark Trail Series events. Registration is free with any pass that allows entry into all national parks.

Participants younger than 18 also need their parent or guardian to sign the registration form. All 5K/10K participants will get a finisher's medal. A prize drawing will be held afterwards.

The Lewis & Clark Trail Series is sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Association, which supports park education and interpretative activities.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, visit the park's website at [nps.gov/lewi](http://nps.gov/lewi) or find the park on Facebook at [LewisandClarkNationalHistoricalPark](https://www.facebook.com/LewisandClarkNationalHistoricalPark).

## Transform your garden into a work of art

ASTORIA — The Clatsop County Master Gardener Association Speaker Series presents "Art in the Garden" with speaker Becky Graham, owner of Harvest Moon Design.

This free event takes place 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Barbey Center (next to the Columbia River Maritime Museum).

Graham is a garden designer and gardening coach. She designs and cares for many beautiful garden sites from Astoria to Arch Cape. Her most recognized work is at the Elliot Hotel, where she creates beautiful container gardens and the rooftop garden. She also created a thoughtful, inviting garden at the Astoria Co-op.

Gardeners will learn how to use found and repurposed objects, plants, containers, lighting, water features and more.

The presentation includes a slide show of Graham's creative adventures and garden artistry.



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