



COURTESY COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Don't miss the boat on this safety class

ILWACO, WASH. — Learn critical boating tips about boating safety for Washington recreational boaters with an in-depth boating safety class offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 62.

The class takes place 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (arrive at 8:15 a.m. for registration) at the Port of Ilwaco, street side upstairs meeting room (165 Howerton Ave.), Ilwaco, Wash. The cost is \$10 and includes class manual and handouts.

The class meets the requirements for the mandatory Washington Boater Education Card upon successful completion. Topics include safe boating laws, personal

watercraft requirements, boat safety equipment, navigation rules and navigating rivers, avoiding collisions, kinds of boating accidents, rescues and other boating emergencies, and boating tips. Information on cold water survival is included.

The class includes videos, discussion and free resources on boating safety. Qualified instructors teach the class in a positive, relaxed and informative environment. You can also make arrangements with Auxiliaries to conduct courtesy vessel examinations.

For more information, contact Elena Righettini at 360-642-0039 or mriggettini@yahoo.com.



COURTESY NORTH COAST LAND CONSERVANCY

Volunteers mulch the trails at Circle Creek.

A tidy trail is a mighty trail

SEASIDE — It's hiking season! North Coast Land Conservancy now has a network of trails at its Circle Creek Conservation Center that are open to the public.

The Conservancy is seeking volunteers for a trails stewardship day 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14, to get the trails ready for the season. Volunteers will help with activities that may include brushing out and mulching the 2.4-mile Wetlands Walk and 0.8-mile Legacy Loop and repairing anything disturbed by winter

storms and flooding.

Contact Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at melissar@nclctrust.org in advance for directions to the property and to let her know you're coming. Bring a lunch and work gloves if you have them, and prepare

to get muddy. Dogs are not allowed on Conservancy habitat reserves.

To learn more about Circle Creek Conservation Center and to download a trail map, visit NCLTrust.org/circle-creek-conservation-center.

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