

Class leads to boater education card

WARRENTON — Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62, in partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board, will teach a mandatory boater education class that results in a boater education card.

The class will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the First Baptist Church of Warrenton (30 N.E. First St.). Class registration starts at 8:15 a.m. The cost for the class, which includes the manual, is \$10.

The course covers practical boating safety information and local boating rules and regulations, as well as tips and techniques for making boating more enjoyable.



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There will also be a section on cold-water survival.

Students who complete the course may apply for their boater education card,

required by Oregon 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 be supervised by

a card-holding adult (16 years of age, 18 years for personal watercraft 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 money on boat insurance.

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Writing workshop considers veracity in fiction, nonfiction

ASTORIA — The novelist and essayist E.L. Doctrow famously wrote: "There is no fiction or nonfiction as we commonly understand the distinction: there is only narrative."

Was Doctrow correct? What role do facts and truth play in nonfiction and fiction? What is veracity in storytelling all about?

Join author, editor, publisher and writing instructor Matt Love 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, for a "Veracity in Fact and Fiction" writing workshop in Astoria that will dive into the challenges, questions, dilemmas and obligations writers face when writing memoirs, fiction, essays, scripts poems, social media posts, even journalism.

Love will guide participants through a series of writing prompts, surveys, short readings and discus-

sions that compel writers to examine their time-honored or newly acquired beliefs on the rules and responsibilities of truth-telling with their words, if indeed there are any rules and responsibilities.

The workshop takes place in a private home. The class costs \$65 and will cap at 15 participants. Participants will pay at the beginning of the workshop. Scholarships are also available. Barter is accepted as well. To register, email Love at nestuccaspitpress@gmail.com.

Love is the publisher of Nestucca Spit Press. He's the author/editor of 19 books about Oregon. In 2009, Love won the Oregon Literary Arts' Stewart H. Holbrook Literary Legacy Award for his contributions to Oregon history and literature. His website is nestuccaspitpress.com.

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