

Replace or renew Boater Education Card online

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Boater education card?
It's Friday at 11 p.m. and you're leaving at dawn for the lake when you realize, "Oh no, what did I do with it? Is it in the boat?"

No worries.

With the Marine Board's new online storefront (open 24/7), boat operators can order a replacement boater education card and print out a temporary permit and go boating right away. Boaters no longer have to call or visit the Salem office during business hours to verify they have a card, and then wait for snail mail for their replacement — which typically takes two to three weeks.

"This time every spring,



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boaters get their boats and gear prepped, and sometimes panic when they realize they can't find their card," says MariAnn McKenzie, Boater Education Coordinator for the Marine Board. "It's easy to go to our online registration system to

order a replacement."

The cost of a replacement card is \$8 and the storefront accepts most major credit cards.

Go to www.boatoregon.com and click on the RegLine icon from the homepage. If boaters

Like any good pilot, you need a checklist of things to do before taking off and landing at your site. There are apps for this and lists on the internet, and they come in handy when you have about 20 things to shut off, like your water heater and pumps.

[Make a checklist](#)

Also, you don't want to forget to lower your TV antenna before leaving the campsite, as they make terrible tree pruners.

Have a plan

Wanderlust can be a great thing, but you have to understand that you can no longer drive and park where you are used to driving and parking.

You need to research RV-specific routes that take into account things like your propane tank and the size of your vehicle. You don't want to drive 20 miles down a dirt road in, say, West Virginia only to encounter a small bridge intended for 19th-century mule traffic, with no space to turn around. Also, you might want to check up on the site you plan on visiting.

Good Sam is a RV resource online that offers trip planning and Frommer-like RV-park ratings.

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law was implemented in 2001 and requires boaters to take an approved boating safety course, apply for a boater education card and carry it with them on the water when operating a powerboat over 10 horsepower.

The program was phased in by age beginning in 2003, and after 2009, all boaters were required to take a boating safety course.

The card costs \$10 and is good for life. McKenzie adds, "Remember to make sure you have your card with you when you're out on the water. It's a Class D violation and boaters could get a \$110 fine."

To order a replacement boater education card or to set up an account with the Marine Board's online storefront for other permits or licenses, visit www.boatoregon.com.

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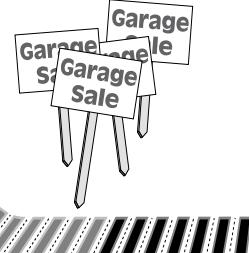
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