



GETTING YOUR CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD

CHECKLIST

☐ **STEP ONE: COMPLETE AN APPROVED SAFETY COURSE**

- ☐ [Get an Application ID](#) through the official California Boater Card website. During the application process, when you reach the "Proof of education" section, select "I have not taken Boating Safety education at this time."
- ☐ Use your Application ID to [register for the Drive A Boat USA boating safety course](#).
- ☐ Take the NASBLA-approved boater safety course in a few hours, 100% online.



☐ **STEP TWO: TAKE THE TEST**

- ☐ Score at least 80% to pass. Don't worry, it's an open-book test.
- ☐ If you don't pass, you can review tricky topics on the [Drive A Boat USA blog](#) or repeat the course.
- ☐ Take the test again until you pass. You have as many free retries as you need.



☐ **STEP THREE: RECEIVE YOUR CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD**

- ☐ Receive your temporary boater card by email, which you can use immediately.
- ☐ Wait for your official card: Your permanent California Boater Card will be mailed to you and should arrive within 60 days.