



PETTIPAUG YACHT CLUB

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2026 Pettipaug Safe Powerboating Course

The Pettipaug Safe Powerboating Course is a unique, two-day, CT DEEP-approved program that combines classroom training with on-the-water instruction. Boating experience or boat ownership is not required. When you sign up for this course, our instructors will provide everything you need. The goal is for you to have the skills and a license to safely operate a powerboat by the end of the course.

What is included in the fee of \$325?

- Course syllabi
- Navigation handouts
- Boat Connecticut textbooks
- Connecticut Boater's Guides
- Boating equipment for hands-on training

The Pettipaug Safe Powerboating Course will be held at Pettipaug Yacht Club (PYC) at Great Meadow Road in Essex CT. Each course takes place on a consecutive Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Classroom training will take place each morning. Weather permitting, on-the-water instruction will be conducted in the afternoon.

We will not hold the course unless we have four participants, and the maximum number of participants is ten. There is no minimum age to participate in this course. Youth 10 years of age and older usually have the capability to understand the course material and pass the licensing exam. Please send an email to pbcc@pettipaug.org with age-specific questions, as age restrictions do apply to the certification process. Please [click here](#) to see CT-DEEP answers to frequently asked questions

Certification

At the end of each course, students are encouraged to take the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation Certification Examination. This permanent certificate is valid in all 50 U.S. States and allows an individual to operate any recreational vessel (including a personal watercraft) and includes a "towing" (waterskiing) endorsement. To receive the certificate immediately after the successful completion of the exam, the following will be required:

1. **An additional payment to the State of Connecticut of \$50.00** (not included in course tuition). Payment can be made online with a credit card immediately after the exam.
2. **A Connecticut Conservation ID.** To sign up for a Connecticut Conservation ID [click here](#). If you already have a Connecticut Conservation ID you do not need a new or additional ID. The instructor can assist in obtaining a Conservation ID number if needed.

What to bring with you for the course?

1. A PFD (Personal Floatation Device, aka "life jacket")
2. Cap or hat
3. Sunglasses
4. Jacket or raincoat if needed
5. Lunch, snacks
6. Sunblock
7. Credit card for \$50 payment to obtain the certificate if desired

2026 Course Schedule

- April 18/19
- May 9/10
- June 20/21
- August 15/16

Each course is two days long, Saturday and Sunday. On both days the course starts promptly at 8:00am and ends at 2:00pm.

Registration

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Class size is limited. We will maintain a waiting list if a class you want to attend is full. To register, please [click here](#) link to access our online registration form.

Registration is complete after you fill out the form and pay tuition. Tuition must be paid using a credit card using the checkout process on the online form. Cancellations more than 7 days before the class begins, or if we can fill your position with another participant, will receive a full refund. Cancellations 7 or fewer days before the class begins and we are unable to fill your position with another participant will receive a 50% refund.

For any questions, please reach out to pbcc@pettipaug.org