

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY**

**CHAPTER 1660-02-12
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOATING EDUCATION**

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1660-02-12-.01 BOATING EDUCATION PROGRAM.

- (1) Any Tennessee resident born after January 1, 1989, who is operating a boat of more than 8.5 horsepower, must have onboard the TWRA-issued Boating Safety Education Certificate card.
- (2) To receive the Boating Safety Education Certificate card a person must:
 - (a) Pass a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boating safety examination that is approved by the TWRA; and
 - (b) Purchase the Boating Safety Exam Permit for \$10.00 from any licensing agent that sells hunting and fishing licenses, which includes TWRA Regional Offices and the TWRA online licensing portal.
- (3) To receive a replacement card, a person must purchase a Replacement Boating Certification card for \$5.00 from any licensing agent that sells hunting and fishing licenses, which includes TWRA Regional Offices and the TWRA online licensing portal.
- (4) Falsification of a document with intent that it will be taken as a genuine government record may be prosecuted pursuant to T.C.A. § 39-16-504.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 69-9-209, 69-9-226, and 70-1-206. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed May 15, 2007; effective July 29, 2007. Amendments filed March 16, 2017; effective June 14, 2017. Emergency rules filed April 30, 2025; effective through October 27, 2025. Amendments filed July 24, 2025; effective October 22, 2025.

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1660-02-12-.03 BOATING EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDERS.

- (1) Any National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course provider requesting that the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency accept their boating safety course as an avenue to prepare anyone born after January 1, 1989 to pass the monitored TWRA boating safety examination must be able to comply with the following:
 - (a) The course provider must accompany the request with a letter confirming:
 1. That the course provider will not issue a Boating Safety Certificate to any Tennessean born after January 1, 1989.

(Rule 1660-02-12-.03, continued)

2. That by January 31 of each year, the course provider will provide the TWRA with the number of Tennesseans certified in the previous year and their ages so that the TWRA can provide accurate data to the United States Coast Guard in the annual Recreational Boating Safety Performance Report.
 3. That the course provider will provide a valid contact number and/or email address to the TWRA and keep this information updated if any changes occur.
- (2) It is acceptable for course providers to issue a Boating Safety Education Certificate to anyone born before January 1, 1989, for insurance purposes or for a non-Tennessee resident.
 - (3) Falsification of a document with the intent that it will be taken as a genuine government record may be prosecuted pursuant to T.C.A. § 39-16-504.

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