



NASBLA INFORMATION

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

The Smallboat Level 1 Instructor course and Basic Keelboat Instructor course both require a NASBLA approved Safe Boating Certificate as a prerequisite to entering the course.

Members can register for our courses without having this completed, but will need to bring proof of certification to the Instructor Course. If they do NOT show up with this they will NOT be able to participate in the course.

- Certificates and licenses for courses that have NASBLA approval will have the NASBLA logo, website is www.NASBLA.org



- There are free online courses, so this is not a big obstacle to overcome.
- If any candidate has taken their state boating course/license test they may have already completed this requirement
- The **US Powerboating - Safe Powerboat Handling Course** has NASBLA Approval
- Candidates are expected to comply with the state boating laws where they are boating.
 - For instance, if an Instructor Candidate is sailing and teaching primarily in RI, They should obtain the RI Safe Boating Cert. which will satisfy the NASBLA prereq:
 - All PWC (Personal Water Craft=jetskis) Operators and anyone born after 1-1-86 operating a vessel powered by an engine of 10 or more horsepower must have the RI Safe Boating Certificate.
- US Sailing will not be enforcing state laws, but expect that our ICs are in compliance.
- **Boat US** is a great resource for accessing the individual state boating laws and offers a free online course <http://www.boatus.org/free/>
- Some states have no boating laws, but for our courses we still need proof of the NASBLA certificate. Hence, they can take any NASBLA Approved course.

Here is the wording about the prerequisite from the Level 1 Information page:

<http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/level-1-instructor/>

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Safe Boating certification. Candidates who do not hold a NASBLA approved Safe Boating Certificate will not be allowed to operate a powerboat during the course. Online courses that are not NASBLA approved will not be accepted. BoatUS is one provider of online courses. [Click here to see all available Boat US courses.](#) You can also earn your certification at one of US Sailing's [Safe Powerboat Handling Courses](#) or [see a current list of approved providers.](#) Candidates holding a current USCG full or limited Master's or OUPV license are exempt from this requirement.