

LR 1663 - An Act to Improve Boater Safety on Maine Waters

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee

In 1962 my parents required that I pass a boating safety course from the NY Conservation Department before I was allowed to solo the family runabout, even though it was not required in New York at the time.

In 1971 the US Army put me through their boating safety course.

This spring two of my grandkids are taking the free online safety course with BoatUS and I am joining in yet again. And in a couple of years I will join them for a power squadron course.

Why? Because there is great responsibility in operating any motorized vehicle and I want my boat operated in a safe manner. It would be nice to know that my boating neighbors were also certified in basic safe practices.

Please pass LR 1663

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