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The Off-Season is a great time to take a Safe Boating Class

While it may seem that talking about boating safety at this time of year is about as relevant as a snooze button on a smoke alarm - just because your boat is in dry dock doesn't mean you have to be!

This is a great time to sign up for a US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety class!

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Whether you are required by law or not, a boating safety class is a great way to improve your odds of returning safely from your future excursions. Besides, many insurance companies give discounts for those who complete the course! Be smart. Be safe. Learn it!

To learn more about boater education, Vessel Safety Checks and other services provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary - or if you are interested in learning how to become one of us - please visit us online at www.uscgauxflotilla3-13.org or contact us at msz@charter.net.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteer civilians who assist the Coast Guard in all of its

varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in classrooms and on the dock, performing safety patrols, vessel safety examinations and public education. The 31,000 members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.