

Proof of Completion of a Boater Safety Course - FAQ's

Q. Who is required to have proof of completion of a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) boater safety course?

A. All competitors that operate or could operate a combustible engine powered vessel in B.A.S.S. events.

Q. Do you need to submit proof of completion to B.A.S.S. to fish the Bassmaster Kayak Series?

A. No, it is not required of competitors in the Bassmaster Kayak Series.

Q. Can a United States Coast Guard Captain's license be substituted for a NASBLA endorsed boater safety certificate?

A. Yes, a USGG Captain's license will satisfy B.A.S.S.'s boater safety certificate requirements.

Q. My state has grandfathered anglers over a certain age from boater safety certificate completion. If I'm over that age, does it mean I'm exempt from having to provide proof of completion of a boater safety course to B.A.S.S.?

A. No, proof of completion of a boater safety course will be required of all boaters and team competitors beginning January 1, 2025.

Q. How often do I need to renew and resubmit proof of a boater safety course completion to B.A.S.S.

A. Good news, after your initial submission, the document will be recorded in your profile and you will be eligible to compete in B.A.S.S. events. Since there is no expiration date, you will never need to resubmit.

Q. Is proof of completion of a boater safety course required to fish state run events within the B.A.S.S. Nation?

A. Only if required by the state B.A.S.S. Nation running the event and/or the laws of the state where the competition is being held.

IMPORTANT: Your name must be visible and include one of the following: the completion date, issue date certificate number.