

Welcome to Boating

FREE CLINICS for NEW BOATERS

For the safety of all boaters and to ensure new boaters become confident and continue boating, the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM), the Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis School of Seamanship and Boat U.S. Foundation have teamed up to offer opportunities for new boaters to learn how to properly launch, retrieve/load, and dock their boat.

Sandy Point State Park boat ramps: Friday September 17th, 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday September 18th, 10 am to 4 pm.

The instruction on docking, launching and boating safety, taught by Annapolis School of Seamanship and Boat US Foundation, will run for 30 minutes starting at 12:30 p.m. on September 17 and at 10 a.m. on September 18 (repeating 4 times each day). Instructors will demonstrate skills on their vessels and attendees should not bring personal boats. The event is most appropriate for adults and children 14 and older.

In addition to the docking, launching and safety, boaters can stop and talk to experts on a variety of topics:

- Flares and other Safety items - Orion Safety Products
- Paint and finishes – Interlux Paint Finishes
- Winterization - Safe Harbor Marinas
- Fuel Dock Safety - Oasis Marinas
- Towing and Anchoring – TowBoat US
- Clean Boating - DNR Clean Marina
- Fishing and Conservation – Coastal Conservation Association of Maryland
- Plus: Annapolis Boat Shows is offering discounts to the October Shows to all who attend.

The event is FREE and open to the public, however REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED to ensure enough discount coupons and other materials for all who attend. To register for the clinics follow these links: [September 17th](#) or [September 18th](#). Attendees **must pay the park entry fee** and should be advised that, although not anticipated, a full to capacity park closure is possible on Saturday. If the park closes due to full capacity, clinic attendees will not be permitted to enter the park until park reopening. Park information is available at <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/sandypoint.aspx>

For more information on the Clinics or sponsorships, contact Susan Zellers, MTAM, susan@mtam.org

