

**WAC 352-78-100 What is the phase-in schedule for the mandatory boater safety education program?**

(1) After January 1, 2006, the commission may issue boater education cards to anyone age twelve and older who submits a completed application, provides proof of accomplishment, and pays the fee required in this chapter. Possession of a commission-issued boater education card is not required until January 1, 2008.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2008, all individuals age twelve through twenty are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(3) By January 1, 2009, all individuals age twelve through twenty-five are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(4) By January 1, 2010, all individuals age twelve through thirty are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(5) By January 1, 2011, all individuals age twelve through thirty-five are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(6) By January 1, 2012, all individuals age twelve through forty are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(7) By January 1, 2013, all individuals age twelve through fifty are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(8) By January 1, 2014, all individuals age twelve through sixty are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(9) By January 1, 2015, all individuals age twelve through seventy are required to possess a boater education card when operating a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

(10) After January 1, 2016, all individuals age twelve and older must possess a boater education card to operate a vessel of fifteen horsepower or greater.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79A.05.310, chapter 79A.60 RCW and 2005 c 392, §§ 1 through 5 codified in chapter 79A.60 RCW. WSR 05-23-128, § 352-78-100, filed 11/21/05, effective 12/22/05.]