BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION & MINIMUM AGE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Are you 16 years old or older?

No

Are you 13 years of age but less than 16 years of age?

No

Are you under 13 years of age?

Yes

Do you have a NJ Boating Safety Certificate?

No

You cannot operate any power vessel on NJ waters.

Yes

You may operate vessel powered solely by an electric motor or a vessel 12 ft. long or longer with less than 10 HP.

Yes

Do you have a NJ Boating Safety Certificate?

You cannot operate any power vessel on NJ waters.

You can operate any power vessel including personal watercraft on NJ waters.

Yes

You have a NJ Boating Safety Certificate?

No

1) There are NO EXEMPTIONS to N.J. age requirements.

2) Out-of-state residents who are at least 16 years old and in New Jersey for less than 90 days may operate a power vessel on the waters of the State of New Jersey if they possess a certificate issued by their state of residence or they have in their possession written proof of successful completion of a boat safety course approved by another state, the U.S. Coast Guard, or the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).