

I know that the Legislature is about to make a decision concerning an abridged computer-based course replacing classroom-based certification. Such legislation will adversely affect the importance of the Safe boating, and PWC/jetski Certificate. You can not let this regulation pass.

As a recent graduate of the OUPV Captain's course sponsored by Safe Boating America, I now realize the importance of classroom based education. I never would have benefited from the expertise of licensed Captains, and the richness of the interaction of fellow classmates, if I had not been a part of that learning environment. A textbook is a textbook, but true learning comes through an interchange of ideas.

An abbreviated computer based course, and unproctored exam will make this certification meaningless. Now, more than ever, we need to promote safety at sea, this revision will work against this important goal.

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety and Hunter Safety training at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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