

Environment Committee  
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Maryland contracted with Kalkomey (Boat Ed) in 2006 to offer the Maryland Basic Boating course on-line. The course is the exact same course as the one offered in the classroom.

The following chart shows the number of students per year that have taken the on-line Maryland Basic Boating Course with Boat Ed:

2007	---	5221
2009	---	6338
2010	---	7469
2011	---	7606
2012	---	8398
2013	to date:	387

In 2012, the Natural Resources Police contracted with Boater Exam to offer their on-line boating safety course to Maryland residents as well. Since their inception into the program, 353 students have taken their course on-line.

The attendance for the classroom boating safety course was directly affected by the acceptance of the on-line boating safety course:

2007	–	4,665 students,	333 classes offered
2008	–	3,124 students,	264 classes offered
2009	–	2,394 students,	222 classes offered
2010	–	769 students,	76 classes offered
(2011 and 2012 have not been entered into the data base at this			

time)

At this time do not have statistics to show whether or not those who have taken the on-line course as opposed to the traditional classroom course have more or less accidents/incidents on the water.

The on-line course is an excellent educational tool for those that choose to the online version verse the more traditional classroom setting.

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